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Picked Rainy Day To Steal Policeman's Car

A VERY wet and annoyed police sergeant stamped into the Traffic Office at Police Headquarters shortly before 9 o'clock this morning.

Sergeant J. Harris, of Police Headquarters, is the owner of a Morris VIII, No. 3245.

Of course, what we should have said is that Sergeant Harris was the owner of a Morris car.

Because, when Sergeant Harris left his quarters at the Park Road Police Quarters at 8 o'clock this morning, he walked. Someone had stolen his car!

200 PEOPLE KILLED FOR INSURANCE

Amazing Murder Ring Revealed In America

PHILADELPHIA, May 10.

DETECTIVES ARE investigating the activities of a "murder-for-insurance" ring which is blamed for at least 200 murders in the United States.

The investigators have found evidence of murder having reached the proportions of a competitive industry.

They also have evidence that a second ring obtained a share of the insurance profits.

They specialised in women who had grown tired of their husbands. The operations of the rings spread over five States.

The bodies of suspected victims have so clogged the police mortuaries that District Attorney Charles F. Kelly has ordered extra shifts of chemical analysts for day and night duty.

—United Press.

Amazing Plot In Africa

Attempt To Seize British Territory

SWAKOPMUND, May 10.—The British intelligence service has discovered a far-reaching plot for seizing positions in South-West Africa, according to Mr. Lardner Burke, leader of the English-speaking community, and a prominent member of the Legislative Assembly.

In a speech here, Mr. Burke declared that the South African police which had recently been despatched to South-West Africa by General Smuts, arrived in the nick of time to save the territory from fighting and bloodshed.

—Reuter.

4-POWER TALKS IN GENEVA

Peace-loving Group To Confer

PARIS, May 10.—The "Intransigent" asserts to-day that Poland, Russia, France, and England will hold a four-Power conference during the forthcoming League Council meeting in Geneva.

The paper points out that the League business alone is no longer a matter of great interest to politicians and statesmen who go to Geneva these days.

The meetings are now regarded as a favourable opportunity for establishing diplomatic contacts which might attract undue attention if held elsewhere.

The paper regards it as certain that M. Bonnet, Viscount Halifax and Colonel Beck will meet M. Potemkin at Geneva during the forthcoming meeting of the Council.—Trans-Ocean.

Peace Gesture In China

Time Ripe For New Mediation Offer

LONDON, May 10.—The Rev. W. R. Sorenson asked in the House of Commons to-day whether, in view of the recent decision of the Japanese Government not to enter into a fuller alliance with Italy and Germany for military and other purposes, the Prime Minister would take immediate steps to propose to the Japanese Government a cessation of its aggressive action in China, the withdrawal of her troops, and the immediate holding of a peace conference between all the Powers affected, with a view to securing an agreement of non-aggression and equitable economic co-operation.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that Viscount Halifax had only seen newspaper reports of the Japanese decision. The view of His Majesty's Government was fully set out in its Note of January 14 to the Japanese Government.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The rescued officers and crew of the sunken liner *Lindenbank* have been taken to Iloilo in the Philippines, according to a notification from Admiral Yarnall which has been received by the Navy Department.—Reuter.

"Premier Is Holding Back From Close Alliance"

CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY CRITICISED IN FRANCE

PARIS, May 10.

FRENCH admiration for Mr. Neville Chamberlain which has featured the French press during recent weeks, to-day turned into somewhat bitter criticism for his irresolute handling of the Anglo-Soviet negotiations.

"Pertinax," writing in "L'Ordre," maintains that Mr. Chamberlain is holding back from entering into a close alliance with Russia because it might have the effect of alienating some of the countries, both big and small, that have aligned themselves with the democracies, as well as driving Spain, Portugal, and Japan into the Axis camp.

POWERS MUST CHOOSE

If Mr. Chamberlain is allowed to, be guided by considerations of this sort, adds the commentator, then it would be hard to allay doubts about his prudence.

The Powers have now to choose between two alternatives: to sacrifice everything to the imperative necessity of obtaining forces strong enough to hold the dictators in check, which means an alignment with Russia on this front, or to renounce all hope of the possibility of setting up an enduring rampart in the East.—Trans-Ocean.



MR. CHAMBERLAIN

"ALL A MISTAKE"

LONDON, May 10.—In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain declared that Russia would be expected to aid the victims of aggression in Eastern Europe only provided France and Britain have gone to their aid and are actually at war.

Yesterday's Soviet communique, he explained, was based on a misunderstanding.

But Britain, he indicated, had rejected the Soviet proposal for a military alliance. After consultation with France, Britain had pointed out to Russia certain difficulties in such an alliance.

BRITAIN'S PLEDGE

He recalled that Britain was pledged to assist a number of nations and hinted that any British proposal for a similar pledge to the Soviet would have aroused the opposition of Poland and Rumania.

Accordingly Britain suggests that Russia should make a declaration similar in effect to the British declaration.

The gist of such a declaration would be: "In the event of Britain and France becoming involved in hostilities while discharging their obligations, the Soviet will express its readiness to lend assistance if desired."

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TURKEY AS AN ALLY

Negotiations Ending No Offer To Reich

LONDON, May 10.

Mr. Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Anglo-Turkish negotiations are nearing completion.—United Press.

Britain And Germany

London, May 10.—England has made "no formal" offer of a mutual assistance pact to Germany, declared Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day, in reply to a written enquiry.

He explained that the offer of a guarantee to which he referred on May 3 had not been transmitted to the German Government through diplomatic channels, neither had a German answer to his suggestion been received.—Trans-Ocean.

Royal Liner Ploughs Through Ice-Fields

ABOARD THE EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA, May 10.—"Reuter's" special correspondent states that the Empress of Australia, which is carrying the King and Queen to Canada, increased her speed to 18½ knots to-day.

At noon she was 620 miles east of Cape Race, the easternmost point of Newfoundland, and was pushing ahead in weather which was still overcast, but considerably calmer than when the speed was reduced last night.

The Captain hopes to clear the icefields during daylight to-morrow.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATS ACTIVE

Papal Interest In Search For Peace

ROME, May 10.

IT IS admitted that the Pope is actively interested in the preservation of peace, and it is stated that he has sounded opinion in the capitals of Europe.

The visits of the various Papal Nuncios were for the purpose of expressing the "ardent wish and hope of the Pope that peace would not be disturbed."

—Trans-Ocean.

Reuter states that the Belgian Premier, M. Pierlot, received the Papal Nuncio in Brussels yesterday.

WARSAW

WARSAW, May 10.—M. Potemkin called on Colonel Beck at noon to-day, and had a lengthy interview, in which, it is understood, Polish-Soviet relations were discussed in the light of recent events and of Germany's changed attitude towards Poland.—Reuter.

"Trans-Ocean" reports that M. Potemkin has left Warsaw for Moscow.

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If War Comes To Europe

BALANCE SWINGS TO DEMOCRACIES

By WEBB MILLER and RALPH HEINZEN
United Press Staff Correspondents

PARIS, May 10.

THE BRITISH and French general staffs are confident that if war with the dictator states comes, the margin of superiority by land, sea and in the air is now in their favour and growing more favourable daily.

The five major powers—Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Russia, have among them more than 33,000,000 men either under arms or in reserve—the greatest potential armies ever ready for action in history.

Russia has 18,000,000 trained reserves and men in active service; France has 6,250,000, Italy 6,300,000, Germany 2,200,000 and Britain 550,000.

41,000,000 Men

Allied with the democracies and the dictators are 9,000,000 seasoned troops of secondary Powers, which means that if war comes 41,000,000 men will be available for action.

Europe is speculating on where a war will be fought if it does come and how the ideological blocs will line up the start. Eventually, there seems little doubt that nearly all the nations would be forced in.

Mediterranean Venue

In event of a conflict, military experts believe the main theatre of war would be the Mediterranean, North Africa and possibly northern Italy.

The French Maginot and German Siegfried lines are so strong that possibly neither country would risk sacrificing a million men in an attempt to break through there.

France might try to penetrate northern Italy through the Alps and strike Germany through the Brenner Pass, and Germany might attempt the same thing in reverse.

A major feature of such a war would be action at sea and in the air.

In event of a general outbreak of fighting, there would be prospects of military action along the traditionally "untouchable frontiers" of small nations from the North Sea to the Red Sea, the experts agree.

Alps Barrier

The Alps have been a barrier to invasions between France and Italy throughout history, although Hannibal and Napoleon both got through, and France might attempt it in the southern Alps.

France has formidable fortifications in the Alps and Italy likewise on her side.

On the only common frontier between France and Italian interests—the 100-mile long frontier across the sandy desert between Tunisia and Libya, French engineers have built the Mareth line as a miniature reproduction of the Maginot line.

Hence experts doubt whether there will be any attempt by the major powers to strike direct blows. That explains the anxiety among the three

German Monoplane Returning To H.K.

TOKYO, May 11.—The Junker monoplane piloted by Baron von Gablenz, will take off from Haneda Airport for Hankow to-morrow.

After a two-days stay in Manchukuo, it will fly back to Berlin via Fukuoka, Taihoku and Hongkong.

The German crew intend to hop off from Tokyo at 7 a.m., arriving at Hankow at 1:30 p.m., via Toyama and Selsin, Korea, thus covering the distance of 930 miles in 6½ hours.

On Saturday they will take off at noon for Mukden, which they will leave on Sunday at 10 a.m., to arrive in Fukuoka at 4 p.m.

The plane will leave Fukuoka early on May 15, arriving in Taihoku at 10 a.m. On May 16 the plane will take off for Hongkong, en route back to Berlin.—Domet.

British Naval Chiefs Meet

Singapore Talks On Far East Problems

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Mr. Hector C. Bywater, Naval Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" understands that a conference of flag officers and their staffs of all British naval squadrons east of Suez may be held at Singapore in the near future to bring up to date co-ordination of Far East defence measures in the event of an emergency.

The writer says that a similar conference has been held at regular intervals during recent years, but the one pending promises to be of particular importance.

Officers who may attend are Admiral Sir Percy Noble, Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, Commander T. B. Drew, and Vice-Admiral James Somerville.

The writer adds that the commanding officers of the Australian and New Zealand squadrons, Rear-Admiral Custance and Commodore Rivett-Carnac may also be present.—Reuter.

Imperial Dragon Throne Disappears

PRICELESS CHINESE ART TREASURE LOST

NEW YORK, May 10.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who is entrusted with the exhibition of China's Imperial Dragon Throne and famed Jade Pagoda on behalf of Madame Chiang Kai-shek, has notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the treasures have apparently disappeared between the United States and Amsterdam.

They had been smuggled from the Forbidden City (Peiping) to Siberia, from whence they were shipped to the Netherlands.

The Pagoda has arrived here safely. The Throne was supposed to be aboard the liner Zandam which docked several days ago. However, it has not yet been found.

The Pagoda and Throne together are valued at \$10,000,000.—United Press.

LATEST

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How To Make—And Keep—A Million: By A VERY RICH MAN

You Must Be Honest In Your Dealings And Simple In Your Tastes

When Your Dreams Come True You Will Be Disappointed

(By A CORRESPONDENT)

A MAN who controls £30,000,000 capital and who in one group of trust companies alone daily safeguards the savings of 100,000 investors, has just turned eighty-four. His hair is white and scanty, his gentle face is that of a very old man, yet his brain is alert, his memory faultless, and his words chosen with the precision of a judge.

In his long life, before he left law for the City, he has been a commercial barrister and has sat as a Recorder.

At eighty-four this man is credited among financiers as possessing the soundest judgment in the City of London.

His companies have weathered depressions. His advice is eagerly sought by some of Britain's richest men.

He says he is not a millionaire himself.

But this master brain behind so much widely distributed wealth has studied the mathematics of making millions.

When I saw him last week in his Victorian drawing-room in Kensington, after his usual day at his office—standing erect with his back towards a glowing fire, springing up on his toes and down on his heels in lively emphasis of a point—he felt in the mood to talk just a little about money.

It has brought him disillusionment. "To all rich men who have spent half a century in amassing wealth has come, he says, this same sad disillusionment, a sense of emptiness and unfulfilment."

"After the thrill of acquiring it and watching it grow has long passed," he said, "what satisfaction is there in having a vast sum of money?"

"Unless you are a miser and want to convert all your riches into gold coins so that you can count them, there is not much satisfaction in having credits at the bank, bits of paper, share certificates."

"When you are old—and all millionaires who make their fortunes themselves live to grow old—there is little meaning in money itself, although, as the late Sir John Ellerman could at one time have done, you can write out a cheque for £10,000,000 with little or no disturbance to your investments."

"There is pleasure in giving money away, but as a rule the richer a man gets, the more closely he scrutinises what purpose he is giving it away for. He remembers the toil and anxieties that the acquisition of his millions has caused."

MOST GENEROUS

"And he remembers, too, that if his fortune is over £2,000,000, the

State will take more than half of it in death duties, another ten per cent. in legacy duties, besides making him pay nearly two-thirds of his income while he is alive in income-tax and super-tax.

"In any case millionaires to-day don't know what they will be worth—don't even know if they will still be millionaires—more than two years ahead."

"Despite all this, the millionaires of Britain are the most generous people in the country. They give at least 10 per cent. of their incomes away to charity."

"Every year £15,000,000 is contributed to the maintenance of the voluntary hospitals alone."

"Most millionaires I have known don't relish their children becoming millionaires by inheritance. They fear that it will paralyse their energies."

"Since money for its own sake no longer brings him happiness, I asked him what does."

ANXIETIES THAT KILLED

"My chief satisfaction," he said, "is doing the day's work. In my case, if I do that work well I know that the security of tens of thousands of investors will be protected."

"My second claim to satisfaction is enjoying good health. No man has become a millionaire by his own effort without carefully safeguarding his health."

"He would not be able to stand the strain of tolling for his riches. His mind would never remain clear for forming the sound judgment which must guide him."

"He could never live long enough to amass a fortune that would last and, if he neglected his health once success was reached, he would be incapable of surviving the worries and responsibilities which are his inescapable burden."

"Keep your health if you want to be rich and live. Don't let your millions go to your stomach. Avoid sumptuous meals, fat cigars, champagne."

"And if your health is good, keep working. That is one reason why I still go to my office every day."

"I'm strongly opposed to compulsory retirement at sixty or sixty-five. If they are healthy, men are then at their best."



Critically ill in a Hollywood hospital recently was Della Bogart, 17, film actress, attacked by an unidentified assailant who fractured her skull. Brutal assault was similar to one in which Anya Sasoyeva, dancer, was killed recently. Above, Della is visited by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bogart.

Petty Officers Wanted

Expansion of the Navy has led to severe shortage of petty officers. The Admiralty announced recently that ships would be commissioned or recommissioned for sea with leading seamen acting as P.O.s and C.P.O.s in proportions up to 15 per cent. of normal complement in those ranks.

And here is proof of that argument—

Rockefeller lived to ninety-seven.

Andrew Carnegie was eighty-four.

Lipton eighty-one.

Vanderbilt eighty-three.

Lord Trent (Jesse Boot, of Boots Chemists) eighty-one.

Lord Ashton (£10,000,000) £13,000,000 Guinness fortune

Lord Ashton (£10,000,000) eighty-eight.

Sir David Yule (£25,000,000) seventy.

Lord Runciman (£2,000,000) ninety.

Sir Joseph Robinson (£10,000,000) eighty-nine.

The late Sir John Ellerman, the £40,000,000 king of English money-makers, died at seventy-three.

But the old man, with his back to the fire, argued that Ellerman was a premature death. He succumbed to the unfathomable anxieties which crowded in upon him.

Ellerman could not stop making money, for if he stopped, if he lost a million pounds, it might mean unemployment and disaster for thousands of employees.

This aged man, who has seen so many fortunes won and lost, told me:

"It is impossible to become rich and stay rich by dishonesty. You will lose your riches. You will lose your reputation in the long run and every hand will turn against you."

"A rich man who wishes to become a millionaire must not live extravagantly. He should not maintain several expensive establishments and large staff of servants."

CRASHED SOON AFTER

"Ellerman had one magnificent house in South Audley-street, Mayfair, but only one house."

"I could name many financial adventurers who have built themselves palaces only to find themselves crashing soon after."

"An income of £30,000 should be enough for a millionaire to live on. Compound interest on savings is the key to increasing your riches. An investment at 5 per cent. doubles itself in fourteen years at compound interest."

"The most successful man is the man who makes the fewest blunders. I have lived a long life, my experience goes back a great distance and my financial vision goes forward, perhaps, more than some men's. But I do not claim to be prophetic."

"Luck is only a small factor in the life of a millionaire. Judgment, self-denial, industry and health are the things that count."

PLAYING THE GAME

"There is more gambling on the Stock Exchange to-day than, say, two generations ago. But fortunes made by gambling rarely endure."

"Millionaires in my experience have not gambled to become rich. Speculative investment is not gambling."

"My observation proves that all the greatest fortunes have been made by playing the game according to the rules of the game for any particular industry."

"At times it may be a harsh game, as in the case of Rockefeller and Carnegie, but the general morality of every market is sound. For if it were not the market would go to everlasting smithereens."

"The City man of to-day is as honest as his counterpart fifty years ago. He acts up to the morals of his calling, and those morals in the City of London are high."

EMPIRE NEWS

RULERS' REPLY TO THE VICEROY

NEW DELHI.

The address of the Viceroy of India, the Marquis of Linlithgow, at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Princes recently has created a profound impression.

The Congress Press regards his frank advice to the rulers to place their Administrations above criticism and to ensure proper opportunities for their subjects to ventilate their grievances, as a gesture before the talks between Lord Linlithgow and Mr. Gandhi.

The reply made by the Maharaja Jam Sahab of Navanagar as Chancellor, on behalf of the Chamber, indicates, however, that the rulers emphasise the distinction between administrative and constitutional reforms.

The Chancellor declared that their Highnesses would not be found wanting in efforts to improve their Governments, and voiced the willingness of the smaller states with limited resources to consider a voluntary combination for certain administrative purposes, as long as it was not injurious to their individual sovereignty.

NEW ZEALAND

BIGGER PENSIONS FOR 100,000

In readiness for the inauguration of the new social security benefits scheme, the Pensions Department is supplying special forms for those who are not at present receiving pensions or allowances.

A total of 202,050 men, women and children will benefit, of whom 100,000 receive benefits now, which will automatically be increased from 23s. 6d. to 30s.

British Cars Bought—Britain retained its big lead in the New Zealand motor car market last year. Of the 28,380 cars imported, 17,630 were from Britain, 7,735 from Canada, 2,718 from the United States, and 207 from Europe. The total value of motor vehicles and parts sold by Britain to New Zealand during the year was £3,140,275.

Southern Rhodesia

ROYAL COMMISSION'S REPORT WELCOMED

SALISBURY.

The first reactions to the report of the Royal Commission on the Closer Co-operation of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland, is satisfaction that the Imperial Government is recommended to accept the principle of eventual amalgamation of the three territories.

If the Imperial Government and the Southern Rhodesian Government agree to set up the recommended inter-territorial council, this will keep alive the question of amalgamation.

The report may be regarded as a milestone on the route to the establishment of an eventual Dominion of Rhodesia—Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia, and Nyasaland—which many hope to see as one of the member States of a Federated British Africa—South Africa, Rhodesia, and East Africa.

The acknowledgment of Southern Rhodesia's claims to the northern portion of Bechuanaland is also welcomed.

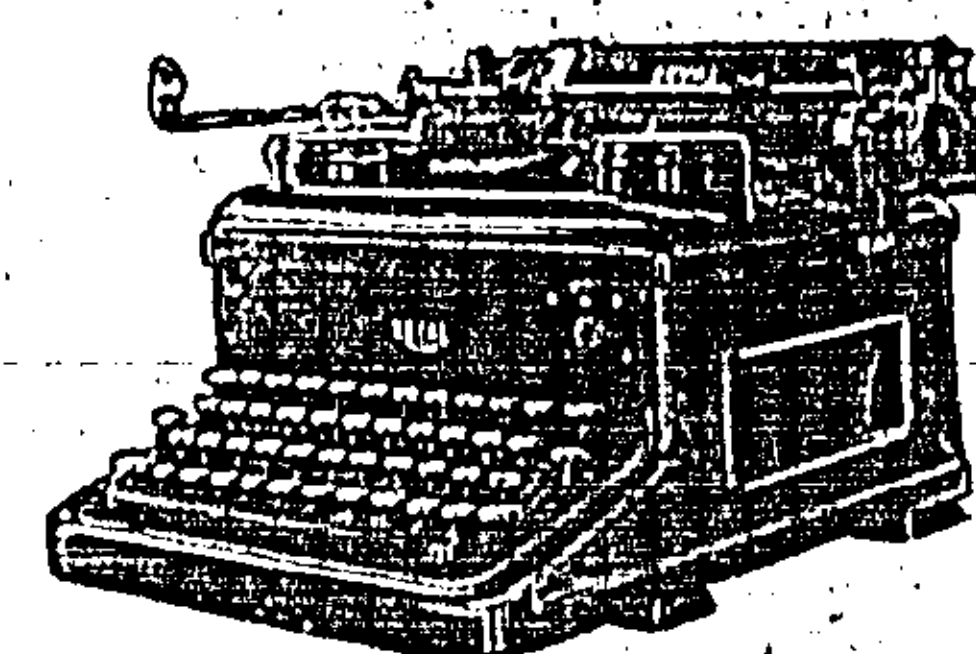
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A.R.P. Investigation Shows Half Britain's Wives Don't Know What Their Husbands Earn

Anglo-Indian Schools Fund

London.

THE following appeal is being issued on behalf of the Anglo-Indian Schools Fund:

"At a Luncheon held recently at the Salter's Hall in London, H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester made a strong appeal to the City of London for financial support on behalf of the Anglo-Indian Community. The Anglo-Indian Community came into existence owing to the deliberate policy of the East India Company to encourage marriages between the pioneer traders and Indian women. The children of these marriages were brought up to regard Gt. Britain as their Homeland, and thus there grew up a Community which played an important part in strengthening the connections between the British Isles and India. The Anglo-Indian Community has remained staunch in the British cause, and has rendered loyal service to the British Raj, making heroic sacrifices at the time of the Indian Mutiny and in the Great War. Under the inevitable political and economic changes in modern India large numbers of this Community are out of employment; and there is no unemployment assistance scheme, nor any free State education. They are at present subsisting on small provident funds, and are consequently unable to pay the small fees which the schools have to charge. The Appeal has been commended by British firms in India, and in national honour we cannot withhold from them the one effective aid that can be given. In the absence of Lord Goschen, the Chairman, I have been asked by the Committee to express the hope that we may count upon your support. We shall feel most grateful if we may be permitted to add your name, or the name of your firm, to our list of subscribers."

Fig Growers Invent Hoodoo

Pasadena, Cal.

California fig growers have discovered a successful "scare-crow" for keeping plucking birds away from the fig trees. It consists of a bundle of turkey feathers made to look like a hawk and perched at the top of the trees.

Some curious domestic problems came to light when A.R.P. officials tried to get a census of husbands who earn £5 a week or less (they get their shelters free).

In many cases wives who had applied for free shelters had to stop delivery when their husbands admitted they earned more than £5 a week.

Proceedings can be taken against those who obtain free shelters by false pretences.

HAZY IDEAS

In other cases the work of the officials has been doubled because of Mrs. Brown's hazy ideas of the true size of Mr. Brown's wage packet.

Those revelations so disturbed Dr. Edith Summerskill, M.P., that she asked the Prime Minister about it in the House of Commons.

An A. R. P. canvasser recently went through some of the back streets of Deptford, S.E.—streets where every shilling counts. Not one of the wives knew exactly what her husband was paid.

Even a tram conductor's wife did not know what her husband was paid.

"I have never asked him," she declared. "All that worries me is getting my share to run the home. He gives me £3. After he's paid his clubs it can't leave him much."

This is Deptford wives' chief concern—getting their share. If they get it, they don't ask too many questions.

Though wage secrecy is a more serious question among the poorer people, salary secrecy is observed to an even greater extent among the more well-to-do.

ASKED FOR MORE

This was shown by the hundreds of letters received by Dr. Summerskill after her question in the House. Here are some examples:

A woman living in Somerset with her two young children was ignorant of the salary of her husband, manager of a large firm in the Midlands.

He is able to go home only for two week-ends and allows her £2 10s. a week. After paying rent and rates this leaves her only 35s. for food, lighting and heating. She asked for £1 a week more, and after a lot of argument got an extra 10s. a week.

"My husband," she wrote, "has money for amusements, holidays, recreations and clubs, and he enters into the social life of the city to a great extent. I never have a penny left over for the slightest amusement."

Formby's Sister Wins Stardom

WIGAN.

ETHEL FORMBY, younger sister of George, famous Lancashire comedian, has become a "star" overnight.

Her broadcast, singing and playing the "uke" in a recent "Monday Night At Seven," as brought her a two-year contract with Jack Hylton.

When Ethel was at school near Wigan she first felt the urge to jump up on the stage and play the "uke."

"I saw the instrument lying unused about the house," she told me, "so I took it to school."

"Teachers were shocked to see me playing to the rest of the kids in the playground. I gave them another shock later. When they asked me what I wanted to work at when I left school, I told them I wanted to go on the stage."

"Without consulting anybody, I left my family and went to London, where I managed to get a job as a chorus girl—in the back row."

"Many things tickled my fancy then. I used to laugh at anything. This was unfortunate, because I was fined 2s. 6d. every time I laughed!"

"Living for two weeks on bread and water cured me for a while, but luckily Frank Rubens, professional manager of Feldman's, managed to fix a broadcast for me. Now I have a contract I'll be getting £20-a-week."

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Trapping may have its good points like everything else, but Peacock prefers prospecting. When the trapping business did not net him any profit, Peacock turned to prospecting.

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Crown Princess Ingrid of Denmark, en route to the United States, stopped off at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and during her visit there was presented a bouquet, as above, by a store saleswoman.

Army Reforms Offer Career To 40,000 Men

FORTY THOUSAND young men on the look-out for a career—fall in!

The Army, now offers new inducements to the 40,000 recruits required in the next 12 months. Not only will the Army provide them with a career, it will also make service more attractive.

Reforms introduced with this purpose are:

Reduction of the period of foreign service from six years to four;

Permission to soldiers wishing to make the Army a career to join for 21 years.

The change is expected to have a favourable effect on recruiting. The War Office agrees that "long periods spent away from home were naturally unpopular in the Army."

Hitherto the soldier had to complete six years' foreign service before he was entitled to apply for transfer to a home establishment—and even then the period in the past was often extended for a year owing to drafting difficulties.

The shortening of overseas service is a healthy sign. Recruiting has improved sufficiently to justify the step.

The War Office points out that it is sometimes necessary to send units on temporary duty overseas—to Palestine, for instance—which usually cannot count as part of the four years abroad.

Soldiers completing four years' foreign service will be given three months' furlough if their home service unit is doing temporary duty overseas.

WIVES ARE HAPPY

Soldiers' wives appreciate especially the four years rule, since it means much longer spells at home stations—four years more at home in the case of 21-years service men and usually two to three years in the case of 21-years service men.

Sergeant-Major W. E. Griffiths, 2nd Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment, speak up for them:

"Six years is too long to wait at home," she said. "Personally, I was fortunate in having twenty years in Singapore with my husband and one in India. But some wives cannot stand the climate."

"Then there are the children, their health and schooling to take into consideration. Every soldier's wife will welcome the new order."

The War Office is also making a six-months experiment with these measures:

Soldiers in last year of service can re-engage to complete 21 years and become eligible for pension.

Men on vocational training can extend service.

Soldiers returning from foreign service for discharge or transfer to Reserve may extend service.

Reservists with character not less than "good" can re-engage to complete 21 years' service and qualify for pension.

"Recruiting has been going up by leaps and bounds," an official said, "but we are still about 10,000 men short of full strength. A further 22,000 will be needed to cover replacements by the end of the year."

There is satisfaction in Whitehall at the progress of recruiting for the Territorial Field Army.

Ninety-three of the 300 units are now at full war strength, and the appeal for 250,000 men for the second line battalions is meeting with a ready response all over the country.

Recently the County Territorial Associations began to send in details of their requirements for equipment and drill halls.

"We expect to have all information by the week-end," said the War Office. "We shall then see what can be done immediately."

Thousands of Territorials who go into camp this summer will be on 14 days' leave from their employment.

Woman Doctor Attacks High-Heels

A woman doctor gave a warning against high-heeled shoes at a conference in Southport, Lancashire recently of 500 members of the Women's Electrical Association.

She was Dr. Beattie M. Butters, assistant medical officer of health at Southport.

"More illnesses are caused by foot trouble than by anything else these days, and the question of shoes is important to women and particularly to adolescents," she said.

"I know that low-heeled shoes look stuffy, but children leaving school think they can do as they like. They go in for high-heeled shoes and set themselves on the road to troubles which are going to cripple them later."

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"No income-tax, no motor-cars, no blazing lights and noises," he said, "just my wife, my mother, and myself living in the old stone farmhouse."

"I think it is a wonderful place. We shall never be lonely."

"Crusoe" Takes His Wife With Him

THE loneliest job in the British Isles has been obtained by Mr. R. B. Mitchell, of Tenby, South Wales, engineer, airman, farmer, beekeeper, animal and bird lover, and handyman.

He has been appointed by the National Trust as warden of the Gulf of Man, an inlet off the Isle of Man.

The post is unpaid.

Mr. Mitchell, 38-years-old son of the late Rev. P. J. Mitchell, rector of Ashby, Spilsby, Lincolnshire, and his wife will live in a "Robinson Crusoe" like in a farmhouse on the island.

The produce of the farm and fish will be their only food.

Mr. Mitchell will be farmer, shepherd, naturalist, and official bird watcher for the National Trust.

IN R.A.F. RESERVE

Mr. Mitchell, who was chosen from 900 applicants, held a commission in the Special Reserve of the R.A.F.

He is staying with his brother in Swansen. He will move to the Gulf of Man as soon as the farmhouse is vacant.

It may be a month before Mr. Garrett, whom Mr. Mitchell succeeds, leaves the island. His stock of sheep and cattle will have to swim the mile of strait to the mainland, and must wait for favourable weather and tide.

MOTHER, TOO

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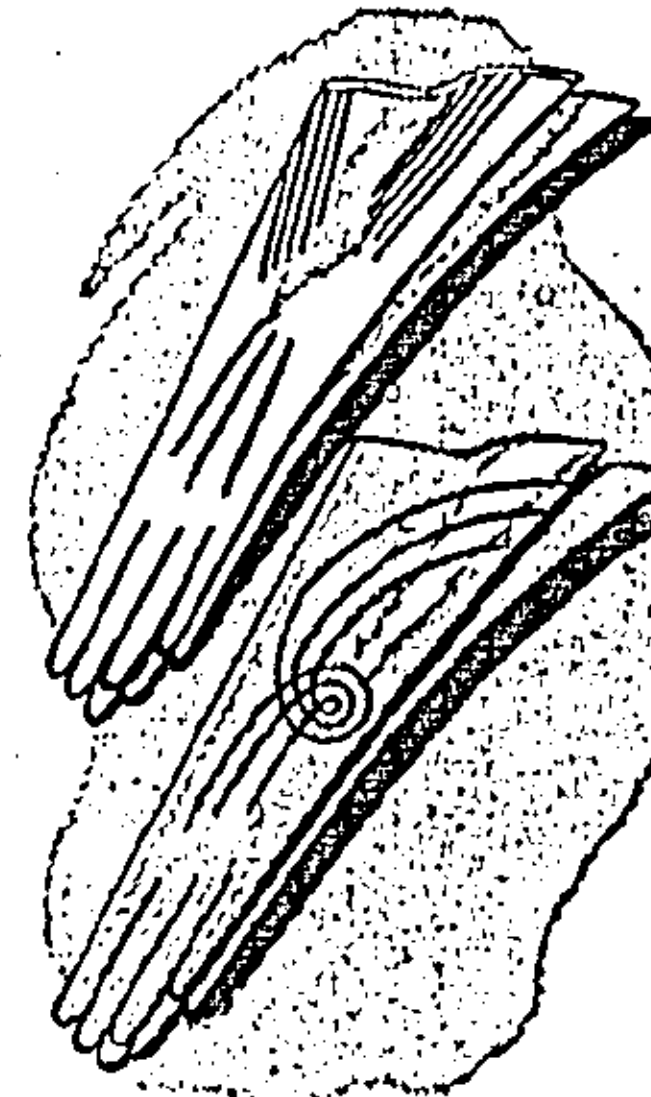
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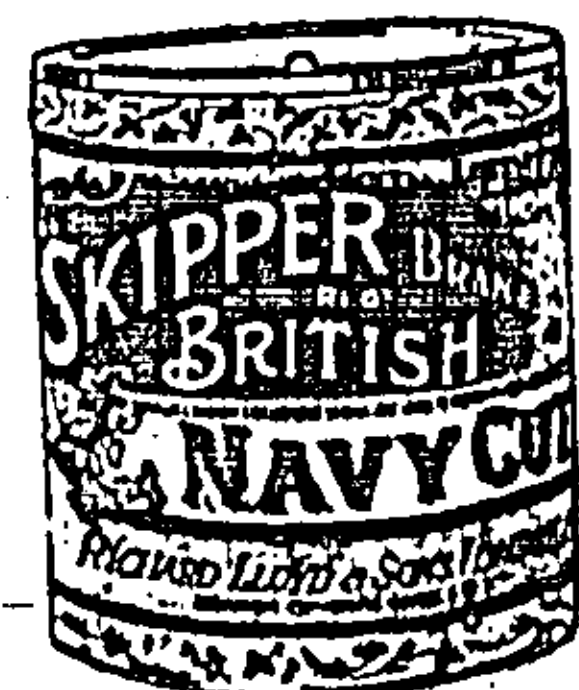
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CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY CRITICISED IN FRANCE

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The Soviet, however, proposed a "comprehensive rider" to the British proposal. "As a result it appears," said Mr. Chamberlain, "that Britain must inevitably be faced with the very difficulties our proposals were designed to avoid."—United Press.

Premier Questioned

LONDON, May 10.—At the conclusion of his statement in the House of Commons Mr. Neville Chamberlain was subjected to a large number of questions from the Opposition benches. The Premier refused to be drawn.

As to details of the negotiations, he assured Mr. Clement Attlee that the British Government was keeping in close touch with the French Government continuously during the negotiations.

In answering Mr. E. Thurtle, he said that the British Government had not finally closed their minds to the conclusion of a military alliance with Russia.

Hypothetical

Mr. Chamberlain replied that he could not answer hypothetical questions. Discussions were proceeding on certain lines, and he hoped these would soon result in a satisfactory conclusion.

Answering Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Premier said that what the negotiations were contemplating was an act of aggression.—Reuter.

British Prospects Dimmed

LONDON, May 10.—Mr. Chamberlain's statement regarding Soviet talks has dimmed the prospects of close co-operation with Russia.

The Premier partly attempted to dissuade Russia from her fears that she might be left holding the bag in a war, if Britain and France hold aloof.

However, the Premier's statement stressed that Russia is holding out for assurance of Anglo-French support if Germany attacks the Soviet through Baltic countries.—United Press.

Berlin Jubilation

BERLIN, May 10.—Anglo-Russian relations are the chief pre-occupation of the newspapers to-day.

Premature jubilation, based on the belief that the Anglo-Russian talks reached a deadlock, is countered by a sober article in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt," which says that negotiations will unquestionably continue, and that it is too early to forecast their probable outcome.

The significance of the Russian announcement consists in the fact that it reveals fully the extent and dangerous aspect of the encirclement manoeuvres of the British Government. It must be realised that the Soviet, in its official statement, in no way refused to give Rumania and Poland guarantees, and did not oppose as such the British demands that Russia should engage in the supply of military aid to Britain and France in the case of an East European conflict.—Reuter.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th May to the 8th June, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1939.

New C. In C. For French Squadron

HANOI, May 10.—Vice-Admiral Le Bilgot has been replaced as Commander-in-Chief of the French Far Eastern Fleet by Vice-Admiral Decoux, while Vice-Admiral Petit, Commander of the French Indo-China Fleet, has been replaced by Vice-Admiral Terraux.

The two new naval commanders arrived at Saigon on May 5 aboard the M. M. liner President Doumer and received their seals of office from their predecessors aboard the Lamotte Piquet, flagship of the French Far Eastern Fleet.—Domet.

Conscription Bill Nears Completion

LONDON, May 10.—The Military Conscription Bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons this afternoon.

The chief point in the debate was the date of the final reading. Mr. Chamberlain urged that the Bill become law before Whitsun, because otherwise the first recruits would not begin service until August. Should the bill pass its third reading before Whitsun, the first batch of recruits would be called up in July.—Trans-Ocean.

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R. A. F. Ban On S'pore Youths Leads To Questions In The Commons

LONDON, May 10.—A question with regard to two boys from Singapore who volunteered for the Royal Air Force and were rejected because they were not of pure British descent on both sides, was asked in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. Creech Jones.

Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, in a written reply, said it had not been possible to identify the cases mentioned from the particulars given, but the regulation was that applicants for enlistment in the air force must be of pure European descent and also British subjects, and the sons of parents who were both British subjects.

He did not think it would be desirable to modify this regulation.—Reuter.

ROYAL LINER PLOUGHS THROUGH ICE-FIELDS

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and the party will motor in procession to the White House, where the heads of missions of the Diplomatic Corps will subsequently be received.

"After luncheon privately at the White House, their Majesties will attend a garden party at the British Embassy in the afternoon," says the official announcement. "In the evening a State dinner, followed by a reception, will be given at the White House."

On Friday, June 9, the King and Queen, with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, will go to Mount Vernon on board the United States ship Potomac, lunching en route.

After luncheon the King will lay a wreath on the tomb of George Washington. On leaving Mount Vernon the party will proceed by motor to Arlington Cemetery. Here the King will lay a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

To New York

After dinner at the British Embassy the King and Queen will leave for New York by train.

They will pay an official visit to New York City on Saturday, June 10, and will visit the New York World's Fair. In the afternoon they will go by car to Hyde Park where they will spend the night.

Details for this day's programme have not yet been determined.

Sunday, June 11, they will spend quietly at Hyde Park, returning by train to Canada in the evening.

During the visit to the United States, Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, will act as Minister in attendance.

DIPLOMATS ACTIVE

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ROME, May 10.—General von Brauchitsch, the Commander-in-Chief of the German army, arrived at the Italian military harbour of Spezia to-day.

Following an inspection of the harbour, General von Brauchitsch visited industrial plants and was present at military practice.

While the exchange of official visits between Prince Paul of Yugoslavia and the heads of the Italian Government were going on to-day, political circles emphasise the importance of Yugoslavia as a "vitally important factor to the peace and stabilisation of the Danube basin and the Balkans."

It is obvious that Italy desires to emphasise complete absence of any designs on Yugoslavia.

Prince Paul called on Il Duce at the Palazzo Venezia this afternoon. The conversation lasted about 40 minutes.

Previously, Il Duce had received the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister, M. Marovic, who was accompanied by Count Ciano. They remained together in conversation for about an hour.—Trans-Ocean.

LONDON

LONDON, May 10.—M. Leon Blum, former French Premier, called at the Foreign Office to-day and had a long conversation with Viscount Halifax.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON

MOSCOW, May 10.—M. Constantin Umanovsky has been appointed Soviet Ambassador to the United States.—United Press.

German Journalist Must Leave Egypt

CAIRO, May 10.—The expulsion of a German Journalist, Paul Schmitz, from Egypt was ordered by the authorities to-day.

It is stated that the action has been taken at the request of the British Embassy on account of reports sent by Schmitz to German newspapers, notably in connection with the recent death of King Ghazi of Iraq, which were calculated to disturb relations between Britain and the Arab countries.—Trans-Ocean.

PARIS, May 10.—The formal ceremony of the renewal of President Lebrun's term of office for a further seven years took place to-day at Elysee. The ceremony consisted of a presentation to President Lebrun of the gold chain of the Grand Master of the Legion of Honour.—Trans-Ocean.

CANBERRA, May 10.—The Australian Defence Minister to-day announced that Sir Leopold Saville, the well-known harbour engineer, had been engaged to visit Australia immediately to advise the Government on building a dry dock to accommodate capital ships.—Reuter.

BALANCE SWINGS TO DEMOCRACIES

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It becomes increasingly evident that Gen. Franco will be closely allied morally if not militarily with the two dictators who helped him win the civil war.

Franco's Aid

Italy has not attempted to hide the fact that if the rival blocs clash, Franco will be asked to provide air and naval bases for the Germans and Italians in the Atlantic from the mainland ports of Cadiz, Vigo and Corunna as well as from Spanish Morocco and the Canary Islands.

To offset that, the French may be expected at the outset of war to occupy the Balearic Islands as a guarantee of Mediterranean communications.

If war comes, Italy will find her naval outlets plugged at Suez, Gibraltar and perhaps out of the Adriatic. The British will be at Malta and Corfu and the French at Marseilles and Vintimille in the Alps, as well.

Ethiopian Danger

Two hundred thousand Italian troops in Ethiopia would be cut off from their home base with 500,000 Ethiopian warriors at their backs, clamouring for revenge.

The hundred thousand other Italians in Libya would be pinched between the powerful French forces in Tunisia and the British in Egypt. It is no state secret that the famous "Gamelin plan" exists and has existed since the Munich crisis last September, for the French penetration of Italy.

Under it, the French would use the Piedmont and Lombardy plains to strike down the Po Valley to reach Germany through the Brenner Pass into Austria, thus turning the Siegfried line without violating Switzerland by taking advantage of the common German-Italian frontier created by Anschluss.

Under that plan, Italy is to be knocked out completely as rapidly as possible.

The ultimate aim is to beat her into submission on land and by air while the French fleet, backed by the British Mediterranean fleet, tries to sink the Italian fleet. To do that they must overcome the menace of Italy's 120 submarines and 2,000 bombers, so based that they need fly only a few miles to fight, foreign ships at sea.

The British and French believe that by six months they will overcome the present aerial superiority of the dictator states and force ahead.

Axial Strategy

The strategy on the German-Italy side probably would be to put the "Gamelin plan" into reverse. While Italian submarines and planes tried to wipe out the French and British surface fleet in the Mediterranean in order to grab Suez and Gibraltar, the German army would be pouring through the Brenner Pass and using the Lombardy plains to reach France on the right flank.

With her present North Sea fleet, according to naval experts, Britain would be able to hold the entire German fleet at bay without weakening her strength in the Mediterranean or risking security of her Atlantic traffic lanes. The latter must be kept open to insure the constant arrival of food, and war material, which will be bought on a "cash and carry" basis if the United States revises the neutrality act.

The German fleet is rapidly being rebuilt but her three big ships of 35,000 tons are still on the ways and will not be ready this year.

Sea Blockade

One of the British-French moves in event of war would be to clamp a blockade against Germany and Italy. It is a long-range means of bringing the dictators to terms, however, and is difficult to make airtight.

That is why Germany at present is engaged in an economic offensive, tying up Rumanian oil and wheat and Yugo-Slavian meat and grain to insure deliveries in case of a blockade and to allow Germany to go into those countries to take what she needs if they break their trade agreements by refusing deliveries.

Germany has been preparing for years to meet an economic blockade, which has been the purpose of Hermann Wilhelm Goering's four-year plan to build up Germany's domestic production to national needs in as many fields as possible.

Control Of Baltic

While the British fleet presumably could bottle up Germany in the Baltic, its activities might be confined to the North Sea unless Russia entered the war.

If Russia stays out, there is no doubt that Germany could control the Baltic, and by heavily mining the narrow entrance off Kiel, she would be able to keep the British out and enjoy the natural resources of the whole Scandinavian peninsula.

Unless Germany or Italy directly attack France in an all-out war, Britain is not likely to be called on to send a major expeditionary force across the channel.

However, the co-ordination plan of the two general staffs provides that Britain's air defenses shall be based on the continent.

Plans were drawn up months ago for the British air force to take over in a space of a few hours, specified air bases in northern France and to occupy intermediate positions where listening services can report to London the passage of enemy planes in ample time for Britain's defense forces to intercept the invaders.

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CHUNGKING RAIDS Japan Told Of British Horror

LONDON, May 10.—Replying in the House of Commons to-day to questions with regard to the bombing of Chungking, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that in the course of an air raid on May 4, an explosive bomb dropped in the native staff quarters of the British Consulate-General, and he much regretted to report that two Chinese members of the staff were killed, and 11 wounded.

Viscount Halifax was now awaiting a fuller report of the general results of the raid. His Majesty's Ambassador to Tokyo had been instructed to protest vigorously to the Japanese Government.

Replying to Mr. Tom Williams, Mrs. Butler gave an assurance that sentiments against the raid, as such, had also been expressed.—Reuter.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange, official summary issued yesterday says:

The market continued firm throughout the morning trading with a fair turnover recorded at slightly higher than buying rates.

Buyers
Hongkong Bank \$1,300
Canton Ins. \$225
Union Ins. \$435
I.K. Pir Ins. \$180
I.K. Docks \$100
I.K. Provisions \$4.55
I.K. Hotels \$2.55
I.K. Lands \$35
Humphreys \$7.75
Star Ferry \$22.60
Yau Ma Tei \$22.60
China Lights (New) \$5.15
Macao Electric \$10.50
Sundakan Lights \$12
Telephones (Old) \$23.15
Cementa \$12.15
I.K. Ropes \$3.65
I.K. Electric \$1.35
Dairy Farms Rights \$15.20
Watsons \$7.05
Wing Co. (I.K.) \$40
Entertainments \$0.15
I.K. Govt. 4% Loan 34 1/2 prem.

Rhodesia Joins In The Fun

SALISBURY, Rhodesia, May 10.—The intention to organise the colony's man-power by means of a national register was announced by the Minister of Defence during the budget debate in the Assembly to-day.

He added that the economic life of the colony would also be organised. The Government would not hesitate to recommend compulsory service if the need arises, but it would be premature to do so at the present time.—Reuter.

Volunteers In Spain Leaving

LONDON, May 10. Assurances that foreign volunteers still in Spain will be repatriated following the victory parade in Madrid were given by the British Government declared Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons to-day.

He stated that evacuation had already begun, and that groups of foreign troops left Spain a short time ago.—Trans-Ocean.

ROME, May 10.—An amnesty for persons charged with political offences in Albania was announced to-day by King Victor Emmanuel. This will apply to refugees in Albania, as well as those who have fled to other countries.—Trans-Ocean.

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Paracet. Gutta Pa. 15 1/2
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Straits	Bhutan	May 11.
Japan and Shanghai	Carthage	May 11.
Bangkok	Elbe	May 11.
Penang	Holhow	May 11.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th May	Imperial Airways Plane	May 11.
Shanghai	Marchal Joffre	May 11.
Saloon	Nanchang	May 11.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 3rd May	Pan American Airways plane	May 11.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 15th April)	Pres. Harrison	May 11.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 21st April)	Pres. Pierce	May 11.
Shanghai	Talhybys	May 11.
Shanghai	Conte Rosso	May 11.
Shanghai	M/V. Shanghai	May 12.
Amoy	Sungshan Maru	May 12.
Bangkok	Kalgan	May 14.
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Japan	Toba Maru	May 14.
Shanghai and Amoy	Telnan	May 14.

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Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 19th May	Imperial Airways Plane	Tues., May 11. K.P.O. Reg. May 11, 5 p.m. Ord. May 11, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O.
Saloon	Marchal Joffre Thurs.	May 11, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 18th May	Pan American Airways plane	Thurs., May 11. K.P.O. Reg. May 11, 5.00 p.m. Ord. May 11, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. and (Panama and Colon) only for Canada—due Vancouver B.C., 30th May	Empress of Japan	Thurs., May 11. G. P. O. and K. P. O. Reg. May 11, 5 p.m. Ord. May 12, 10 a.m.
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Manila	Pres. Harrison Fri.,	May 12, 10.30 a.m.
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Sandakan	Woolgar	Fri., May 12, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Soochow	Fri., May 12, 12.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Pierce Fri.,	May 12, 2.30 p.m.
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Russia's Part

WHAT IS the exact significance of the British counter-proposals to Soviet Russia, as revealed in an official communique received from "Reuter's" Correspondent in Moscow, and subsequently in Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons.

The proposals appear so astounding that we may be pardoned for wondering whether there has not been a misinterpretation. It appears that, without granting to Soviet Russia specific reciprocal assurances of aid against Russia's European enemies, Britain desires an assurance from the U.S.S.R. that she will come to the aid of Britain and France if they are attacked.

If that interpretation is correct, and if it is Mr. Chamberlain's last word, it can only mean that the Premier does not want an alliance with the Soviets. No other construction can be placed on a proposition so fore-doomed to failure. Russia has everything to lose, nothing to gain, by entering such an alliance.

Britain truly is pursuing an amazing course with regard to the Soviet. It is over a month since Mr. Chamberlain announced that "negotiations were in progress". Each day the evidence mounts that contacts between the two countries have not been as close or as frequent as they should have been.

What is needed is the fullest and frankest exchange of views. That exchange can best be undertaken by a meeting of Foreign Ministers—unless, as "John Blunt" suggests elsewhere on this page, Mr. Chamberlain is prepared to make as dramatic a gesture in the cause of real peace as he was in the cause of appeasement and will arrange for immediate personal contacts with M. Stalin.

Such a meeting at this stage would have immensely important results for the world.

In any event, it is clear that Britain, if the Premier pursues his present policy, is in danger of losing Russia as an ally.

Mr. Chamberlain has himself to thank for the suspicions that have arisen regarding Britain's intent. There is a deep, understandable, and on its past record of pandering to the Totalitarians, absolutely justifiable suspicion of the real intentions of the Government and its real attitude to Russia. Who can blame Russia for sharing that suspicion?

Kind words won't remove it. There has got to be action if Britain is not to find herself again out-maneuvred by the Totalitarians.

Abyssinia, Spain, Austria, the Sudetenland, Bohemia and Moravia, Memelland. They have all been victory for the dictators, defeat for democracy. If we lose the diplomatic war that is in progress throughout Europe there are going to be others.

NEWS-MAP OF THE WEEK
Commentator: Emrys Jones
Baltic
Query
Mark

HITLER'S plan to make restored Memel a Nazi naval base, designed to bottle up the Soviet Fleet, casts a shadow over the Baltic, increases the nerves in the countries surrounding that sea.

Look at the Baltic Sea, look at its shape to start with, and note that here is the place for a great naval dog-fight if ever there was one.

From our point of view the key to the Baltic, of course, lies in the North Sea. First, Heligoland, that famous island we swapped with Germany, is, so the House of Commons was told now highly fortified.

Moving from west to east, consider the strategic points of the Baltic: consider them, for, with Nazi dominance in the Baltic, the Scandinavian countries, as well as Latvia and Estonia, can begin wondering how long they can maintain their traditional neutrality.

So, from Heligoland, go through the Kiel Canal. There Hitler's men are deepening the canal, building higher the bridges, so that the German Fleet can move easily into the North Sea.

You may take it, in the event of war, that Heligoland and Kiel will not be the only defences of Germany.

The west coast of Denmark, the coast that faces England, is also fortified, and the chances are that in war time the Germans would overrun that country to get hold of the fortifications.

Only Way Out

NOW look at that narrow channel, called the Sound, that separates Denmark and Sweden. There, naval commanders are up against a different proposition, for the Swedes, for some time now, have been proving themselves tough against Nazi advances.

Indeed, if the Swedes had their way they might form a Scandinavian bloc against Germany.

Yet, if Kiel were bombed—and you have to destroy only one lock to wreck a canal—that narrow channel, the Sound, between Denmark and Sweden is the only way out of the Baltic, and ships in it are at the mercy of guns and bombs on the Swedish coast.

Under the pressure of the events of 1938, Danish Prime Minister Stauning had to confirm that he had talks in Stockholm on the question of erecting strong fortifications on both sides of the three-miles wide Sound.

Still going east, the next point is Memel, now Hitler's. In that natural harbour he plans to make a new Heligoland, and from there he hopes to be able to bottle up the Soviet Fleet in the Eastern Baltic. However, naval bases are not built in a day.

Watch These Islands

LOOK north from Memel to the middle of the entrance to the Gulf of Bothnia. Here is one of the most exciting spots in the Baltic.

Situated between Sweden and Finland, the islands, by a convention of 1821, were declared neutral and demilitarised.

Now these islands are of first-class strategic importance in the Baltic. Long before the September crisis it was held that if Germany and Russia went to war it would be a race between the two countries for the possession of the Aland Islands. In the first weeks of January this year, the Finns and Swedes agreed to a remilitarisation of the islands, military service for the islanders; and now that becomes more necessary than ever as Hitler plans a new Heligoland at Memel.

Meanwhile, on their side facing the Aland Islands, the Swedes are said to be busily fortifying, so that if some Power (probably Russia or Germany) ever captured the islands the Swedes will have a second line of protection as the bombers fly over to Stockholm.

Stalin Canal

NOW Hitler's creation of Memel will not succeed in bottling up the Soviet Fleet in the Baltic. True, Russia, in the Baltic, has only a "small window looking



Dr. F. W. NORWOOD:
"Why I am
leaving
England"

ONE of England's most famous preachers has just sailed with his wife for Canada to start a new job.

What makes a man set out at 63 on such a venture? What will be his thoughts as he leans over the boat rail, and England, his family, and his friends slip out of sight? Let's have a look at the man and his job, and maybe we shall see.

The man is Frederick William Norwood (Dr. Norwood, of the City Temple). The job he is going to is a big one—the pastorate of a church in Vancouver with a congregation of 1,700.

Dr. Norwood talked to me as he waited for his grown-up children to come to a last family party. He told me why he was leaving England.

It was one of the most remarkable interviews I have ever had, for Dr. Norwood is a realist. He hates false sentiment.

"I've been called a roamer; a gypsy, a man who can't keep still," he said with a quizzical smile. "But that isn't true. Remember, I've been preaching in England for 22 years, and that's a mighty long time.

"In my holidays I have travelled a lot because I like breaking fresh ground. Now I'm starting out for Canada and I feel just the same as any young man who is about to start a new job. I love Canada, and no doubt I'll settle there."

HIS voice warmed; the years seemed to slip away. "It will be a grand job. They have been trying for a long time to get me to go. I've put it off because of the crisis; I thought I should be here if war did come."

"Last September we sailed back from America. We thought we were sailing into war. Now—well, you can't hold up your life for ever, and I decided to go."

"You see, I've been a long time in England, and after 17 years at the City Temple I determined to give myself time to go campaigning up and down Great Britain; evangelical work."

"It's been a great experience for me, but in a way it's been disappointing. So much confusion in people's minds; a few with any real outlook. The pressure of economic and political forces has been so great that it has driven thoughts of religion out."

out on Europe," and that is a forbidden zone.

But the Soviet has built a canal joining up the Baltic to the White Sea, so that the Soviet Fleet, if the worst comes to the worst, can leave the Baltic and get into the free oceans by way of the White Sea.

Completed in 1934, the Stalin Canal as they call it, is 142 miles long, compared with the Suez, which is 102 miles, and the Panama 50.

It was built primarily to ship lumber from the northern regions, to make the passage 5½ days instead of the 17 round Scandinavia. But now, with Hitler's bid for dominance in the Baltic, the canal assumes an immense strategic importance.

WHAT IS
BRITAIN'S
POLICY?
asks
JOHN BLUNT

IT IS becoming increasingly apparent—if the opinion of "the man in the street" is to be taken into account—that the British Government's handling of the events of to-day, especially as far as Russia is concerned, is causing quite a lot of criticism.

That the problems which have confronted the Government during the last twelve months have been tremendous, none will deny; but the feeling is steadily growing that the time for vacillation has long past, and that a strong and courageous leader is of vital importance in order to maintain the confidence of the people.

The unsatisfactory delay in coming to an understanding with Russia causes some apprehension. It is true that there was a time when Russia was considered to be the bad boy of the world, but it is equally true that for some years now, Russia has practically ceased to meddle with other people's affairs.

It stands to reason that the Powers who have professed the desire to maintain Peace at all costs, and who are undoubtedly sincere in their aim, cannot afford to leave Russia out of such a collective front.

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IF, INSTEAD of all the parleying between the two Powers, Mr. Chamberlain had taken it upon himself to visit Moscow, and there have discussed in a friendly spirit the doubts and hopes he held as to Russia's sincerity and desire for Peace, the suspicions which obviously obtain at the moment, might well have been dissipated weeks ago.

After all, if he could visit Hitler, why not pay the same courtesy to the Dictator of Russia? I feel sure that he would not have made his visit in vain, and that the Peace front would have been tremendously strengthened.

There is, perhaps not unnatural feeling that Russia's past is Russia's present, and that the hesitancy which has been displayed by Britain of recent months, is due to the fear of the price which would be expected in repayment of Russian co-operation.

That aspect has, I feel convinced, been grossly exaggerated.

Whatever may be Russia's internal policy, we have within the last few years shown eagerness to conclude trade agreements with her. If she is sincerely honourable to enter into trade pacts with, surely we can take a chance that she will keep her word in helping to avoid war.

After all, we are not asking Russia to go to war with any nation. All we require is her assurance that should any other nation commence a war of aggression, she will instantly join those who are determined to check and punish those responsible.

In any case, there is precious little to choose between Nazism and Communism, but there is every reason why we should join hands to-day with any "ism" which pledges PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

Graham
Stanford

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Brazil

Revolution Plot: Many Arrested

Quito, May 10. Officials said that those arrested include several high army officers, professional men who had planned an assault on Quito barracks to overthrow the Government.

The very reliable Fests claimed that the movement was justified in the view that Senator Mosquera Narvaez had planned to sell the Galapagos Islands and divide the proceeds among himself and his friends.

Trials will be started very soon. The movement is described as purely local and other provinces are tranquil.—United Press.

DEFENCE TREATY

Washington, May 9. The War Department has announced that the Army Chief of Staff, General George Marshall, with an official party will sail for Brazil on the USS. Nashville on May 10. It is rumoured that General Marshall will carry a secret message from President Roosevelt to the political and military heads of Brazil, possibly relating to an informal defence agreement.—United Press.

New Zealand To Establish Price Control

Wellington, May 10. In view of protecting the public from exploitation, price control is to be established in New Zealand.

Mr. Sullivan, Minister for Industry and Commerce, is announcing the Government's plan, which follows imposition of stringent import and currency restrictions.

He said that the Government proposed to establish a tribunal to exercise continuous supervision on prices and to examine increases and investigate whether prices are reasonable. Persons intending to increase prices have to notify the tribunal, giving reasons. The Government is not aiming at prevention of justifiable increases, but will not allow the public to be exploited.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Savage, announced the establishment of a Royal Commission to investigate the sheep farming industry, which is seeking relief owing to increasing costs and falling prices.—Reuter.

Landon And Methodist Pacifists

Kansas City, May 9. The United Methodist Conference adopted a social creed after an attempt by delegate Air Landon, former Governor of the State, to return to the committee the section "challenging exemption from all forms of military service for conscientious objectors," over which there was a most heated debate.

At one point, Mr. Landon rushed to the platform, his face flushed with anger, seized the public address microphone, and shouted his objection to the "cowardly remark made by a fellow delegate."

Mr. Landon declared to send the resolution to the committee to which another resolution presented by Chester Clark of New York was referred, asking Congress to forbid the sale of munitions to Japan. Landon said, "If we adopt both of these resolutions, we put ourselves in the position of the pacifist who, in the delicate foreign relations of this country, then refusing the responsibility. When we ask for exemption after taking this unfriendly stand toward the Japanese, we start a fight that we are unwilling to finish ourselves."—United Press.

CHOPPER ATTACK

Man Attacked By Armed Gang

Attacked by a number of men in Bridges Street about 4 p.m. yesterday, Chan Pui, residing at Stanton Street, was later admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital with chopper wounds on the arm and head. Chan is in a critical condition, his wrist almost severed and weak from loss of blood.

A number of arrests were made by the Police later. The men concerned are alleged to be members of a Triad Society.

ANOTHER ATTACK

Another chopper attack occurred in Austin Road, Kowloon, last night, when Ng Wai-sing, 30, Shanghai carpenter, received injuries to the head. He was sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment. A man is said to have gone to the Yau Ma Tei Police station later and reported having attacked Ng.

Soviet Talks

PREMIER EXPLAINS TO HOUSE

Misunderstanding In Moscow

London, May 11. A crowded House of Commons heard the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, make an eagerly awaited statement on the progress in the Anglo-Soviet negotiations this afternoon.

At the outset Mr. Chamberlain referred to a statement issued in Moscow regarding the British Government's proposals, and said it was based upon a misunderstanding of the suggestions actually put forward. Conversations are still in progress and the House, therefore, would not expect him to discuss those matters. He thought it right, in view of the move in hostilities, the Soviet Government in possession of the general line on which the conversations were being made in respect of certain Eastern European states in pursuance of their declared policy of assisting those states to resist any attempt, if such were made, to threaten their independence.

The Government understood those obligations without inviting the Soviet Government to participate directly in them in view of certain difficulties to which any such suggestion would inevitably give rise.

Moved in hostilities, the Soviet Government accordingly suggested that they should make, on their own behalf a declaration of a similar effect to that already made by the British Government, in the sense that in the event of Britain and France being involved in hostilities, the Soviet Government on their side would express their readiness also to lend assistance if desired.

"Such a declaration, if the Soviet Government feels able to place assistance to the British Government in accordance with the recent pronouncement of Mr. Stalin that it is the policy of the Soviet to support those countries which might be the victims of aggression, and which are prepared to defend their own independence," said the Premier.

Mr. Chamberlain said that almost simultaneously the Soviet Government had suggested a scheme at once more comprehensive and more rigid, and whatever other advantages it might present, it must, in the view of the British Government inevitably raise the very difficulties which their own proposals had been designed to avoid.

At the same time they made certain modifications in their original proposal. Particularly they made plain that it was no part of their intention that the Soviet Government should commit themselves to intervene irrespective of whether Britain and France had already, in the discharge of their obligations, done so. The British Government added that if the Soviet wished to make its own intervention contingent on that of Britain and France, the British Government, for their part, would have no objection.

Lord Halifax yesterday saw Mr. Malsky, who explained to him the Soviet Government was still not clear whether, under the proposal of the British Government, circumstances might not arise in which the Soviet would be committed to intervention unsupported by the British or French. Lord Halifax assured Mr. Malsky that this was definitely not the intention of the proposal made by the British Government, and that if there was any room for doubt on this point Lord Halifax anticipated it could, without difficulty, be removed.

He accordingly invited Mr. Malsky to place the British Government in possession of the precise grounds on which those doubts were based, if they still existed, and this Mr. Malsky had readily agreed to do.

Mr. Chamberlain added that the British Ambassador in Moscow had an interview two days ago with Mr. Molotov, at the conclusion of which Mr. Molotov had promised that the Soviet Government would give careful consideration to the British proposals, and the reply is now awaited.—Reuter.

BUS STOP INCIDENT

Pick Pocket Caught In Act by School Teacher

Ng Wai, 28, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistrate's court on a charge of attempted larceny.

Mr. S. Aras, school teacher and Police Reservist, testified that he was boarding a bus near the Alhambra Theatre on May 4 when he felt a hand touching his hip pocket, in which was \$18. He immediately put his own on the pocket, and on turning around he saw defendant withdrawing a hand from it. Defendant was then arrested.

Replying to Mr. M. A. da Silva, who represented the defendant, Mr. Aras agreed that there were many people in the street at that time but denied that it was a case of mistaken identity.

Defendant had a previous conviction.

HANDBAGS STOLEN

Three handbags and jewellery to a total value of \$82 have been stolen from the house of Mr. R. A. Wicks, a Brass Circuit Home in the COAT TAKEN FROM ROOF. Mrs. W. L. Cunningham, of Fort Street, reports that between 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday a thief stolen a fur-lined coat valued at \$50 from the roof of her house.

Iron for Japan

Hanoi, May 10. The Government of French Indo-China on Tuesday notified the Japanese Consulate-General that permission has been granted for the export of 10,000 tons of iron ores from French Indo-China to Japan. As the new Franco-Japanese trade agreement comes into force to-day, it is believed likely that the embargo will gradually be removed. The French authorities announced that the matter was still under careful consideration by the Government.—Domei.

British Recruiting Record

London, May 10. Recruiting for the regular army for April beat all post-war records. 3,542 men being accepted. This was 623 above April last year.

Last week's intake was 1,812 and was a record for any week after the war period.

In the event of an outbreak of war, or probability of war, the Law Courts will be moved to places outside London.

The Lord Chancellor has presented a Bill to the House of Lords, the text of which was issued to-day, making the Government's intention plain. The Bill, which will only be applied to England and Wales, will only come into operation if it appears expedient "having regard to outbreak or probability of war." Its operation can be terminated by an Order in Council.—Reuter Special.

BELGIUM PREPARES

Brussels, May 10. "Before the Belgian Defence Council, the Belgian War Minister, M. Denis, states that details for organising the country's air raid protection had been made.

He announced that of a total air defence credit of 600,000,000 francs, 340,000,000 francs would be used for purchase of barrage balloons and anti-aircraft guns, 170,000,000 francs for planes, and 83,000,000 francs would be for passive air protection.

The air defence service would be done by territorial troops, who will have to undergo eight months' training with the regular forces.

Simultaneously the official Belgian Gazette announced the impending creation of special departments for food supplies and assistance of civilians in the event of mobilisation. Both these departments are to be under the Belgian Minister of Economy.—Trans-Ocean.

A. R. P. AND WOMEN

Berlin, May 10. Field Marshal Goering, Air Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the German air force, issued an appeal to-day to all German women to place themselves at the disposal of the German air raid protection organisation.

May 12 has been fixed as the "Day of Women in Air Raid Protection." On this day German women will have to prove their readiness for air raid protection service.—United Press.

Canton To The Rescue Of Blazing Ship

Colombo, May 10. The Danish motor vessel Alesia is a burning wreck and has grounded off Galle Beach. The fire broke out in the engine room last night, while the passengers were dining.

All efforts to put out the blaze failed and the captain ordered the 35 passengers to stand by boat stations. The P. and O. liner Canton dashed to the rescue in response to an S.O.S. Lloyds representative reports that the passengers and some of the crew of the Alesia arrived this morning by the British steamer Canton. The Captain and remainder of the crew are standing by the Alesia, which passing vessels report to be "ablaze all over."

"The remainder of the Alesia's crew, including the Captain," continues Lloyds message, "have been transferred from H.M.S. Grasshopper, in which they were standing by, to the Galle pilot boat. The Grasshopper is proceeding and the Government tug Sinhabahu has left for the scene."—Reuter.

The Canton is on her way home from Hongkong and has many local residents aboard.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS

Eight Cases Figure On Month's Calendar

Following are the cases to be tried at the Criminal Sessions commencing on Wednesday: Lok Siu-wa and Lok Kwal-ming, robbery with violence; Chan Tai and Lo Kiu, possession of dangerous drugs; Lau Fung-hing, possession of dangerous drugs; Ho Ho, Tam Ning, Hui Po and Wong Tak, possession of dangerous drugs; Chan Ho-yiu, robbery by two or more; Chiu Siu-yeung, Chan Fong and Wong Yau, robbery by two or more; Leung Ning, assault with intent to rob; Chan Sing, Wan Kam-chuen, Chan Sum, Ho Kiu-yuen and Lau Chung, breach of the deportation order.

Appeal By Chungking Americans

Chungking, May 10. Americans at Chungking have cabled to President Roosevelt, Mr. Cordell Hull, Senator Key Pittman and Representative McReynolds as follows:

"Chungking Americans are aghast at the mass murder and destruction of the recent raids here. The unspeakable tragedy and suffering will only increase China's determination to resist, which is heroic and unshaken. We protest at the so-called neutrality, which permits the sale of gas, oil, metals, cotton and machinery, which for 22 months has made the United States a party to Japan's inhuman crimes.

"We appeal in God's name for immediate action in placing an embargo on traffic of all commodities used by the aggressors in waging war."

The cable is signed by George Fitch, prominent New Yorker, who has lived for years in China. Mr. Fitch is a former director of the Y.M.C.A. and is now engaged in relief activities.—United Press.

RAID CASUALTIES

Chungking, May 10. An official list of victims of air raids in Chungking indicates that 1,630 persons were killed and 1,700 injured.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW REGULATIONS

Chungking, May 10. The Executive Yuan has passed a resolution accepting the regulations drawn up for Chungking's evacuation and reconstruction and the commission governing activities of residents of the city "during the critical time of the past bombings and possible future air raids."

All residents who are not required for business in the city, especially women and children, the aged and sick, will be compulsorily evacuated.

Foreign residents and diplomats and correspondents can secure certificates from the Foreign Office, and all certificates will be good for only six months.

Temporary passes in and out of the city are good for two weeks. However these can be exchanged for permanent resident certificates on proof of the necessity to remain.—United Press.

CONDITIONS AT PRESENT

Chungking, May 10. The United States Embassy made effective to-day a plan by which all Americans living in Chungking will report to one of five centres all over the city immediately following an air raid, in order to inform the Embassy if American property has been hit and any Americans injured or killed.

The British Consulate has moved from the far shore of the Yangtze back to inside the walled city, after a few days spent on the south shore. The British consular property in Britons in Chungking of the desirability that they move from the city across the river or go into the hills, and many of them, mostly women and children, have complied.

Meanwhile the French Consulate has removed to its old quarters, despite the fact that it was hit during the last raid.

Consulate members say that they have an adequate bombproof dug-out, so there is no reason why they should move.

Although it is a week since the raid, workers are still seeking to uncover bodies still buried in the debris. The Government has offered five Chinese dollars for every body recovered from the ruins.—United Press.

ON CROWN LAND

Taikoktsui Squatters Appear in Court

Mr. S. H. Peplow, Senior Land Bailiff of the Public Works Department, was the complainant in three cases heard by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday.

Chan Kwong of Taikoktsui was summoned for continuing to occupy and maintain a structure on Crown Land, the permit having been cancelled.

Mr. Peplow said that the permit was first given for storing timber and building materials, but it was found that the structure was used for domestic purposes and was dangerous because of the presence of timber. The structure was visited yesterday morning and it was being used as a blacksmith's shop.

Defendant said that his sub-tenants were responsible.

Mr. Peplow pointed out that defendant had no right to sub-let.

Mr. Macfadyen adjourned the case for a week for the structure to be demolished.

Tang Chan-shi, woman, also of Taikoktsui, was summoned for a similar offence.

Mr. Peplow said the structure also was allowed for storing furniture, but it had been converted for domestic purposes, the making of electric light bulbs and glass blowing. The glass blowing furnace has since been moved away, and coal eggs were now being made. If defendant made an application she might get a permit for making coal eggs.

Mr. Peplow said: "There seems to be a lot of industry in glass blowing now."

Mr. Macfadyen adjourned the summons for a week for defendant to apply for a permit.

Lau Shing of Lee Yuen Loong, Tai Kok Tsui, who was summoned for occupying Crown Land without a permit was said to have stored timber on Crown Land. The summons was adjourned for a week for the timber to be removed.

Nottingham Fire

Nottingham, May 10. A serious fire to-day destroyed the huge army ordnance building containing numerous motor vehicles, tyres and other equipment. Fire brigades were rushed from Derby, Beeston and Long Eaton to assist the Nottingham brigade as the flames spread to the railway, accompanied by explosions of tyres and petrol tanks. The building was a munitions factory during the great war.—United Press.

Undermining Shanghai's Finance

Chungking, May 10. In an interview a spokesman of the Ministry of Finance declared that the National Government is adopting appropriate measures against the Japanese attempt to undermine China's financial system in Shanghai. The spokesman said that after their failure in North China, the Japanese are now making a similar attempt in Central China by forming the "Hua Hsing Commercial Bank."

Though the Japanese claim that the capital of the new commercial bank in Shanghai is borne in equal portions by Japanese banks and the puppet government in Central China, the people would never accept notes issued by it unless under coercion. They know the facts too well to be deceived. The Japanese attempt is therefore doomed to failure.

He scoffed at the idea that foreign banks may accept notes or deposits of the new bogus bank, or have other transactions with it. He explained that for their own as well as for public interests foreign banks will have to continue to support the Chinese currency.

The spokesman believed that foreign circles concerned will take appropriate measures to protect their own interests and the foreign government concerned will lodge strong protests with the Japanese.—Central News.

HOPEI BANK NOTES

Peiping, May 10. With the two-months term following enforcement of the ban on the circulation of old notes on March 10 expiring on May 10, the Provisional Government prohibits as from May 11 the exchange of the notes of the Hopei Provincial and the East Hopei Banks for those of the Federal Reserve Bank in the so-called Federal Reserve Zones in North China.

Upon enforcement of the new currency measures, the Provisional Government announced that the notes of the two local banks would be exchanged at par value for the Federal Reserve notes for a period of two months.—Domei.

BANK NOT OPEN

Shanghai, May 10. The Hua Hsing Bank failed to open for business as expected. It is believed that it may open on May 17. The note issue has not yet begun.—Reuter.

JARDINE STEAMER HELD UP

Shanghai, May 10. The Jardine steamer Tung Wo arrived in Shanghai at 1 p.m. after having been forced by a Japanese destroyer to unload a cargo of 500 pigs which had been taken aboard at Hsinking in the Yangtze delta.

The Master of the Tung Wo at first refused to comply with the Japanese order, but later did so when threats were made against the safety of the ship's Chinese agents at Hsinking, where the through shipment of pigs had been arranged.

H.M.S. Scorpion reached the scene in response to a call for help and investigated the affair.

The British Naval authorities in Shanghai are making inquiries and it is believed that a strong protest will be lodged with the Japanese authorities.—Reuter.

FOREIGN STEAMERS

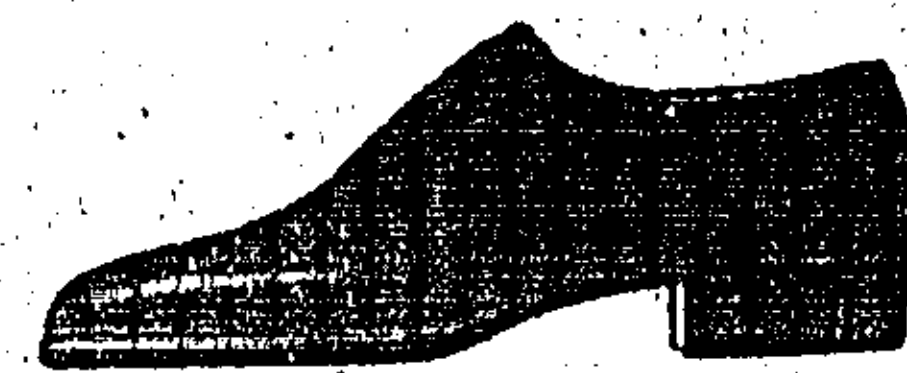
British Ship Held By Japanese in Fukien

A British vessel, the steamer Lalita, was seized by the Japanese Navy off Foochow on April 27, says the N. C. D. News. Asked by a correspondent why the vessel was being detained, the naval spokesman at a Shanghai press conference admitted the detention, but stated that he had only brief information.

The Tembien, registered with the Italian authorities, was boarded by Japanese on Wednesday night, while tied up at Buoy 23 and 24 in the Whangpoo. Investigations into her status are proceeding, but, according to the spokesman, passengers were allowed to go ashore and cargo has been released.

Hair Cut With Hat On

Butte, Mont. The following story was "kept under the hat" for several days by both parties concerned. A customer with a betting complex entered a barber shop and said: "I bet you \$5 you can't cut my hair while I am wearing my hat." The barber took the bet, and cut the man's hair as satisfactorily that the wager was paid.



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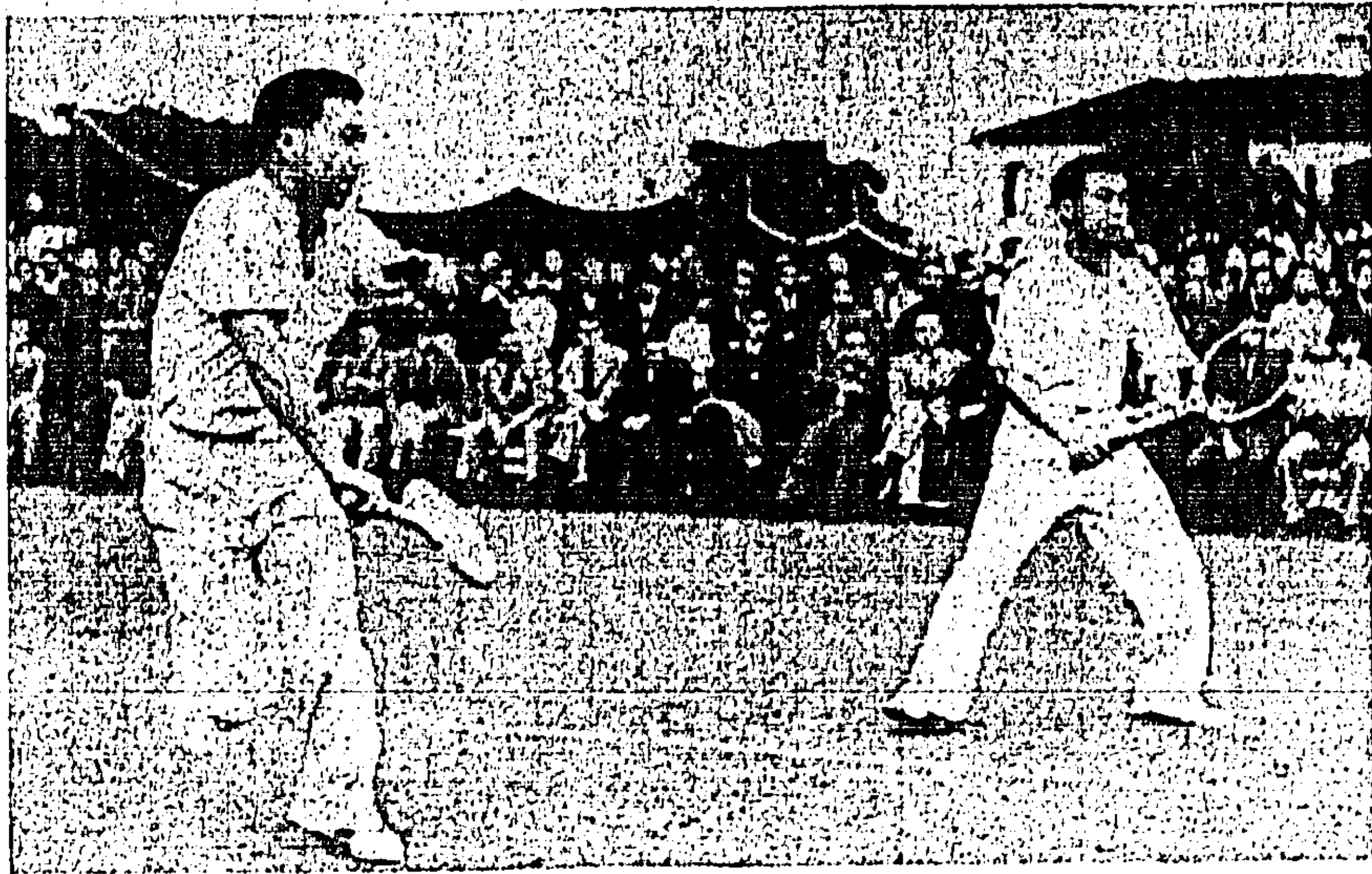
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CHAMPIONS RETAIN CROWN



Tsui Wai-pui (left) and Tsui Yun-pui won the Colony doubles title for the third time at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday afternoon when they defeated their club-mates, Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing, by three sets to one in the final. Though the champions were obviously the better pair, Ho and Lee at times played well enough to make yesterday's tennis entertaining to watch.—Staff Photographer.

TSUI BROTHERS OUTPLAY LEE AND HO IN DOUBLES FINAL

To Show Retrieving Power Losers Given Few Chances

(By "Abe")

Given fewer opportunities to make use of their wonderful retrieving qualities than in their recent matches, Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing, the "giant-killers" of the 1939 Colony tennis championships, were able to win only one set from the Tsui brothers in the doubles final on the stand court yesterday. This they fully deserved although in the other three sets they were completely outplayed.

That the Tsui brothers won was only to be expected; but in the manner of their doing so they showed that when the mood takes them they can be devastating against local combinations. In yesterday's match, for instance, they made many difficult shots look simple, and at times they placed the ball in such a manner as to give their opponents no chance whatsoever of even reaching them, let alone retrieving.

The best parts of the match were when Ho and Lee were playing well. Then the best rallies of the game were seen, and the honour did not always go to the Tsuis. At the net, the challengers distinguished themselves, volleying and sometimes smashing with great skill, but their ground strokes were far behind those of the champions, both of whom played some lovely drives.

In their previous games, Ho and Lee were prominent with splendid retrieving. Yesterday they found on the other side of the net a pair who varied their returns so often and placed their shots so accurately that

it was difficult to anticipate them. On several occasions when they expected a full-blooded smash and positioned themselves just outside the base-line for it they found the ball coming slowly over the net and were yards too late to retrieve. At other times, the angle of the Tsui's shots proved too acute and they were left standing.

WORTH THE MONEY
Because the brothers were so superior for the most part, the match was not as satisfying as a more even contest might have been; yet as a spectacle of good tennis, the good bits provided sufficient measure for the spectators' money.

Though outplayed and apparently realising it, Ho and Lee were always striving, however, and if their defence was often pierced by the immaculate placements of their opponents, they retaliated frequently with success, taking advantage of some poor lobs by the brothers to reduce the arrears.

On the whole, Ho and Lee probably played as well as they did against the Rumjahn cousins or Duff

SHANGHAI SQUASH CHAMPIONS

Shanghai, May 6.
L. H. Wade defeated E. E. Cumine by 9-7, 10-8, 5-9, 9-5 to win the senior squash rackets championship of Shanghai last night at the Race Club courts the winner being slightly more in the picture than his opponent, although the run of the games saw Cumine pushing play but being unable to tire out his opponent who repaid with equally good shots and who was eventually able to run to match point in grand style.

In the junior championship, which took place immediately after the senior had been completed, T. E. Baker defeated G. Beckerman by 9-6, 9-4, 10-8, the last and deciding game being a thrilling affair in which Baker led by 8-0, and could not put the game away. He had match point in hand on no less than six occasions but could not score a point whereas his opponent came up from nil to take the lead at 9-8, again Baker rallied to equalise the score at 9-9, going on to win the crucial point at 10-9.

and Pearce; only this time they found they were up against a pair who showed no weakness at all.

Starting the match with confidence, Ho and Lee won the first three games before the champions were able to settle down, but once this had been accomplished the latter collected the next eight games in a row, thereby taking the set in the ninth game and establishing a lead of 2-0 in the second. This lead later became 5-3, at which stage the challengers hoisted up some deep lobs which caused the Tsui brothers to make a succession of errors in their anxiety to put them away. Though 5-5 was called, the champions took the next two games for the set.

GAMES WITH SERVICE
The third set saw games go with service until 6-0 was called. Ho won his to retain the lead at 7-0 and then they broke through the younger Tsui's service to take the set after losing two set points in their favour.

In the fourth set the Tsuis tightened up their game once again, and after 2-2 had been reached they won the next four games for the set after Ho and Lee had saved two match points.

His Honour Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell umpired the match. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, attended by his Private Secretary, Mr. G. Trevorton, (Continued on Page 9.)

STANDARD OF PLAY SHOWS A DEFINITE IMPROVEMENT

No More Notes Until Next Winter

As the local hockey season is now officially ended, "The Pilgrim," our hockey correspondent, will write no more notes until next winter.

Davis Cup

BRITAIN BEGINS QUEST

Four Young Players As Representatives To Meet N. Zealand

Great Britain will commence her 1939 Davis Cup challenge to-day at Brighton when she meets New Zealand. The match will continue to-morrow and conclude on Saturday.

The Lawn Tennis Association selectors last week picked Charles Hare, Laurence Shaw, Ronald Shayer and Frank Wilde to represent Britain.

Although Hare, Shayer and Wilde have represented Britain in past Davis Cup series, Shayer will be making his Davis Cup debut.

Frederick Stowe was elected as the non-playing captain of the team and this selection caused some surprise. He was picked to replace the 55-year-old Herbert Roger Barnet, who for many years was non-playing skipper of the British team.

Barnet is an interesting character and has been made the butt of many humorous articles in the foreign press because he frequently sits on the tennis courts under the umpire's hat dressed in a morning coat and top-hat despite a blazing sun.

LEFT-HANDED STAR
Hare is the leading player of the four. Born in London July 18, 1916, he is tall, athletically built, fair and left-handed. Identified as a Birmingham player because he has lived there most of his life, he is known as the successor of Fred Perry and "Bunny" Austin.

He has a cannon-ball service and a powerful forehand drive with which he frequently scores clean passing shots. He covers ground well although he appears to have a cumbersome gait. He first gained prominence by winning the British junior championship in 1931. He has won a number of major European singles and doubles titles and gave Donald Budge a terrific fight in the first set in the Davis Cup challenge round in 1937.

Last year he withdrew from Davis Cup play because he had to return to the United States upon the death of his American employer. He was asked to play after Clarence Jones was dropped from the British team.

Tall, dark and powerfully built, Shayer is 28 years of age. He has a style something like Fred Perry's and concentrates on attacking strokes. He has a powerful service and good volleys.

DOUBLES EXPERT
Born on March 19, 1911, Wilde is probably the best known of the four men chosen to represent Britain. He won the British junior singles, doubles and mixed doubles championships in 1928. Later he reached the final and semi-final rounds at Wimbledon in the open championships.

Of medium height, he is heavily built and has a useful service and volley. He is particularly good as a doubles player.

Shaffi, the newcomer, is tallish, dark and good-looking. He is 20 years of age and has terrific speed and a touch of Jean Borotra in some of his tricks. He has played in the

Past Season's Hockey Under Review By "The Pilgrim"

With the victory of the Civilians over the Services last Sunday, the 1938-39 season of the Hongkong Hockey Association came to an end. It has been a very successful season and the standard of play generally has shown encouraging improvement, notably in the new tournament promoted by the H.K.H.A. which proved very popular.

On the whole, the games were extremely keen and interesting. Several matches produced exceptionally fine hockey, the value of the tournament being reflected in such games. This event was won by the Radio and Postal Sports Club, and very worthy winners they were too as they went through the tournament without a defeat.

The Interport resulted in a draw with Macao and the new Six-A-Side Tournament was won by the 8th Destroyer Flotilla. This innovation proved very popular with players in the Colony. There is little doubt that this type of game has now gained a permanent place here.

To England go the honours of winning the International Tournament. No one will deny that the Englishmen had the best balanced team both in defence and attack. Since hooking and foolplay were abolished, what has been chiefly noticeable this season was cleaner and more scientific type of play. It has meant definite progress towards better hockey, and in comparison to a year ago, the game now is much faster and cleverer.

LADIES DO WELL
The ladies, too, enjoyed a very good season which included their brilliant Interport victory over Shanghai. The Seven-A-Side Tournament, won by St. Andrew's in the senior section and by the Hongkong Ladies in the junior, as usual was well-supported, and the winners in the League were "Y" Ladies (Clerk Club) and Club de Mercurio Ladies (Brawn Cup).

The Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Association this season, for some unknown reason, failed to stage the Winners' V. Rest games which proved so popular in the past. These games were generally played to wind up the season. The games were omitted probably because of general lack of interest which prevailed after the Interport was won. This was a great pity.

SCHOOLBOYS IMPROVE
I was very impressed with the improvement of the Combined Schoolboys' team this winter. Among the young players worthy of mention are G. Singh (C.C.), K. Singh (St. Joseph's), D. Cray (D.B.S.), W. Bryde (C.B.S.), R. Chang (D.B.S.), K. Mohamed (C.C.) and E. McDonough (J. Remedios). R. Castro, P. Rull and A. P. Silva (La Salle).

These youngsters have speed, good stickwork and play remarkably fine hockey. Should they keep it up, I would go so far as to say that they have the makings of future Interports.

If the H.K.H.A. run a Junior Division in their tournament next season, my advice to the schoolboys is to join up without fail. I am a strong advocate of all schools running at least two separate games in the winter. If they have grounds good enough, one of these games should certainly be hockey.

Hockey is now a universal game United States and is a close friend of Paul Lukas, the film star.

NEW ZEALAND TEAM
Four players have also been selected to represent New Zealand in the Davis Cup match against Great Britain. They are C. E. Malfroy, D. Coombe, D. Brown and V. Edwards.

Of the four, Malfroy is the only one with previous experience in the International competition.

Now President Of Football League

London, May 2.
Mr. W. C. Cuff, Chairman of the Everton Football Club, becomes the new President of the Football League, in succession to the late Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe. Mr. Cuff was the only nominee who the list closed to-day.—Reuter.

SAMUEL DECLINES EXHIBITION

London, Apr. 24.
A. S. Samuel, the Selangor badminton player, left London to-day and will embark on the s.s. Aramis at Marseilles on April 29 en route for Singapore. During his six months' stay in Europe he won the French and Irish badminton titles, was runner-up in the Welsh Championship, and semi-finalist in the English, Scottish and Danish Championships. He also won the West of England, Sussex, Leicesters, Nottingham, Kent, and West Sussex county titles.

"I have enjoyed my tour very much," he told a Press representative, "but I am glad to be getting back to warm weather."

Samuel said he had declined an invitation to play an exhibition match in Singapore on the day he arrives as he felt he would not be able to do himself justice.

"I shall not have played for five weeks," he said, "and, in addition, I shall have to re-acquaint myself to Malayan playing conditions. I have offered to go to Singapore after I have been home about two months and to play anybody they want me to."

ROYAL H.K.G.C. CELEBRATING GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club is now celebrating its Golden Jubilee and is commemorating the occasion with competitions for all sections, at Fanling, Happy Valley and Deep Water Bay.

The following telegrams of congratulation were received by the Secretary of the Club:

"Congratulations on attaining your jubilee and wishing you prosperity in the years to come—from the captain and members of the Hung Jao Golf Club, Shanghai."

"Greetings to you on your fiftieth anniversary—from the Shanghai Golf Club."

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L.G.U. MEDAL RESULTS

Mrs. W. J. E. Mackenzie with a card of 104-17=87 won the Silver Division of the Ladies' Golf Union, Medal Round, played at Fanling on May 9 over the Old Course. Mrs. H. W. R. Williams 92-23=69 and Mrs. T. S. Morrison 97-28=71 were winners in the Bronze Division, held over the New Course.

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W. A. Reed, the Civilian centre-half, pushes the ball through to his forwards in the match between the Civilians and the Services played at King's Park last Sunday. The Civilians rather surprisingly won by two goals to nil.—Staff Photographer.

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DISCOVERIES OF YEAR IN WELSH RUGGER

Willie Davies Greatest Artist In Wales But Tanner Also Consistent

By Clem Lewis

London, Apr. 19. LOOKING back over our international Rugby season the name of Sid Williams, the Aberavon wing, comes first to mind. He was our finest international discovery. We had cause also to be thankful for the uncaring of M. J. Davies, the South African Welshman, who was discovered at Oxford. Taken all round, we should be well off for centres next season.

To me the greatest artist in Welsh football to-day is Willie Davies, the Swansea and Wales fly-half. Tanner has been quite consistently good, but it is Davies who has reached the sublime heights. I confess I have derived more pleasure watching his beautifully balanced and elusive running than from anyone else.

WORTH OF MANFIELD

It would be futile to recommence the old argument as to whether he or Cliff Jones is the greater player, but I am prepared to admit that Davies is the truer outside-half. Swansea friends, please note. It is perhaps a truism that Wales can always find plenty of good forwards. The one discovery of note we have made this season is Manfield, our lock forward. Do you remember how England cast their eyes upon him? I am hoping to see Manfield leading the Welsh forwards next season.

Our club games on the whole have been somewhat more open and enter-

prising, but it is regrettable that our "Sevens" tournament fell through! Two things in the main accounted for this—the lukewarm attitude of the Welsh Union and the half-hearted way in which its sponsors—the Glamorgan County Club—went about their job. When tackled properly it will go with a swing.

KNAPP AND CAMBRIDGE

The Cardiff seven for the Twickenham games will probably be: W. Woollier, E. R. Knapp, Gwyn Porter, W. R. Davies behind the three forwards, L. Spence, Roy Roberts and Selby Davies.

Incidentally, I wonder whether Cambridge University will find a place for Knapp next season. They were apparently not over-impressed by him last year, but we in Wales are beginning to think there are considerable possibilities about this ex-Welsh secondary school cap.

We believe we have quite a number of young players who will be in the limelight next season. Personally I have great hopes for G. Hale, the young Cardiff centre, and H. M. Baker, a Welsh reserve this year who plays in Newport's three-quarter line.

TRIBUTE TO MATTHEWS

You will probably hear a great deal, too, of Jack Matthews, a youthful centre from Bridgend. Last Saturday, playing for the Welsh Secondary Schools, he helped to give the Yorkshire Public Schools a whistle of a hiding at Oiler.

It will be remembered that he made a second-half appearance in the final Welsh senior trial and if he lives up to the promise he now reveals he will be one of the glories of Welsh Rugby during the next few years.

Yet another youngster who has already spent a year at Cambridge and who I can recommend to the Light Blues is J. Richards. A splendid scrum worker who has had a game or two with Cardiff over the holidays, Richards is an ex-Monmouth schoolboy.

WALES WILL NEED THEM

Wales will need these youngsters next season, for it will be made memorable by the fact that we shall have our Australian tourists over here, who play Wales two days before Christmas Day. Previous Australian visits to these islands were in 1908 and 1927—though in the latter year it was a New South Wales side.

Last Saturday at Llanelli I believe I saw the last appearance of that really wonderful veteran forward, If Jones. I have always maintained that Wales passed him over far too soon, and now, after 17 years' service for Llanelli, he is to retire. I write him down amongst the greatest forwards Wales has ever produced.

To my readers, "Au revoir" till next season.

Latest Scores In County Cricket

London, May 10. Latest cricket scores are: Cambridge University 63 for 4 against Notts; Lancashire 70 for 4 against West Indies; Derby 62 for 5 against Oxford University; Essex 97 for 2 against Middlesex; Hampshire 100 for 2 against Northants; Surrey 135 for 1 against Worcester; Sussex 107 for 5 against Somerset. Reuter.



This picture was taken last Monday when the presentation of sticks was made to the most-improved players and highest goal-scorers in the League by the International Sports. Reading from left to right in the front row are: Mr. Amar Singh (Manager), Mr. M. Feroz Deen (Proprietor), Mrs. Ackroyd, Miss B. Greaves, Gurdial Singh, Miss A. Smith, G. Singh and V. Ribeiro—Mayfair Studio.

Bowls Rinks Selected For Saturday

The following players have been selected to represent the Civil Service C.C. in their matches on Saturday in the Lawn Bowls League: 1st Team (v. Craigengower C.C. away).—E. W. Simmonds, H. Strange, A. W. Grimmett and J. Hollidge (skip); M. E. Purvis, C. Strange, W. Burling and M. N. Rakusen (skip); R. R. Davies, E. R. Wood, L. Collier and J. Deakin (skip). 2nd Team (v. H.K.F.C. away).—E. Kerman, E. Bradshaw, F. Haynes and W. Bagley (skip); J. Carr, V. Ebbage, L. Whant and W. Hillyer (skip); F. Austin, A. B. Allan, A. Steven and S. Eccleshall (skip). Reserves.—H. F. Harper, D. Crawley, Weeks and Shephard.

The following will represent the Hongkong Electric R.C. against the Kowloon B.C.C. at Ming Yuen: R. C. Butler, A. G. Gardner, H. S. McKinnon and J. Sloan (skip); G. G. S. Thomson, W. E. Baker, C. T. Padgett and L. de Rome (skip); J. R. Way, J. Roscoe, A. F. Paul and W. B. Muskett (skip).

TSUI BROTHERS OUTPLAY THEIR OPPONENTS

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and Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce were amongst those who witnessed the match. At the conclusion of the encounter, prizes won during the 1939 tournament were presented to the winners by Miss D. Dodwell, who was called upon to do so by Mr. Pearce.



You're heading for the laugh round-up when you see (left to right) Johnnie Davis, Dick Powell, Priscilla Lane, Pat O'Brien and Dick Fagan doing their stuff as wild and woolly Westerners in "Romance and Rhythm," now showing at the King's Theatre.

F. Marshall Rides Shanghai Champion

Shanghai, May 10. A record crowd saw "Peanut" Marshall ride Rain as hot favourite to a brilliant victory at the Shanghai Race Club Champions, winning by half a length from Hindhead, griffin pony, ridden by A. E. Clark, with White Willie, ridden by Alec White, two lengths behind. Rain covered the mile and a quarter to a brilliant victory at the Shanghai Race Club Champions, winning by half a length from Hindhead, griffin pony, ridden by A. E. Clark, with White Willie, ridden by Alec White, two lengths behind. Rain covered the mile and a quarter to a brilliant victory at the Shanghai Race Club Champions, winning by half a length from Hindhead, griffin pony, ridden by A. E. Clark, with White Willie, ridden by Alec White, two lengths behind.

The prize winners were: Open Singles Winner: Tsui Wai-pul. Runner-up: Tsui Yuen-pul. Open Doubles Winners: Tsui Wai-pul and Tsui Yuen-pul. Runners-up: Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau. Club Championship Winner: W. Sander. Runner-up: H. J. Armstrong. Handicap Singles Winner: L. Goldman. Runner-up: H. J. Armstrong. Mixed Doubles Winners: W. Sander and Miss A. Taylor. Runners-up: H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews. Handicap Doubles Winners: J. J. Ferguson and E. E. Storey. Runners-up: R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd.

CONCESSION GIVEN TO SERVICEMEN

In view of the very poor support given by members to the swimming section of the European Y.M.C.A. during the past two or three seasons, it was decided yesterday to allow Servicemen to become members of the "Y" Swimming Club, as it will be known, for a fee of \$2.50 a month with an entrance fee for the first month of \$1. This new move will entitle Servicemen to use the swimming pool at all times except during those periods when the pool is reserved for women, that is, in the mornings, and during certain periods in the evening when the pool is reserved for Army units. This experiment, if it succeeds, will probably result in the "Y" Swimming Club fielding several water-polo teams during the coming season and at the same time provide enough swimming material for a series of inter-club galas, which it is proposed to run.

Members of the Association will shortly be able to secure season tickets for the swimming season, but more particulars of this concession will be made known to members in due course. Mr. F. Ashford was elected Hon. Secretary of the Water-Polo Section of the Club, with powers to arrange fixtures etc., while Mr. A. F. Austen was proposed as Hon. Secretary of the Swimming Section. Water-polo practice will commence to-night between 8.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. when it is hoped that as many members who wish to play, will attend for instruction and interpretation of the laws.

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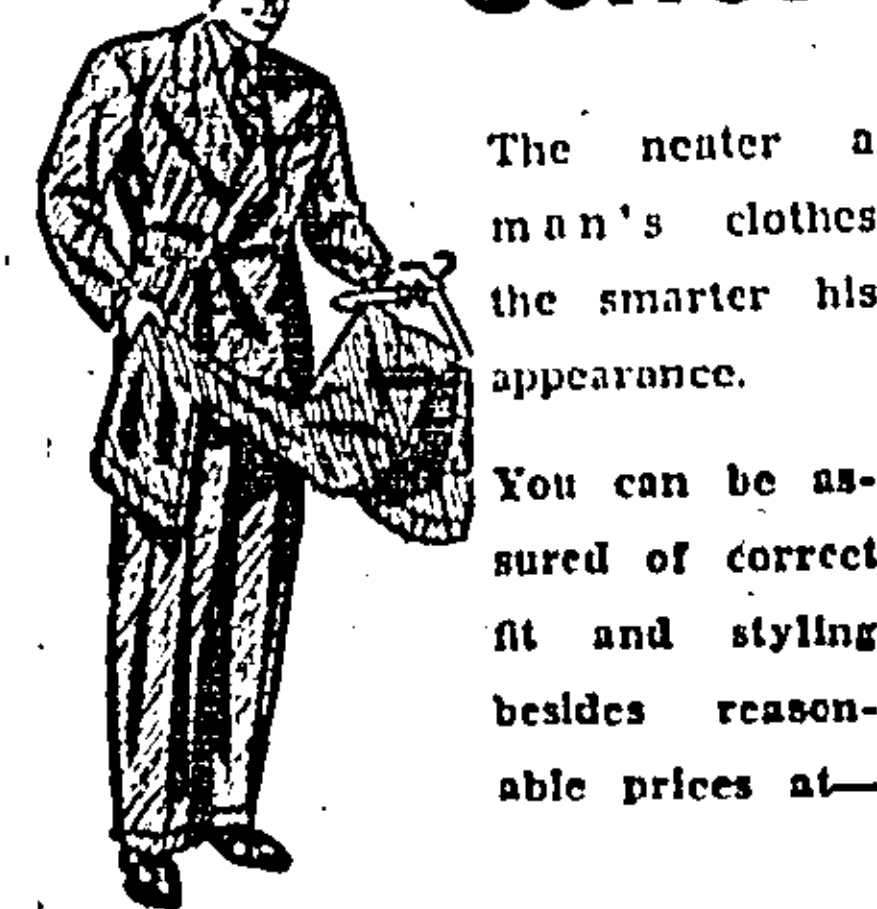
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Dr. Nagai Resigns From I.O.C.

Tokyo, May 10. Dr. Matsuzo Nagai resigned yesterday as a member of the International Olympic Committee, on the eve of his departure for London, to attend the forthcoming general meeting of the Committee by the National Olympic Committee, in succession to the late Mr. Jigoro Kano who died last year while on route to Tokyo from Egypt, via America. It is understood that Dr. Nagai, who was to sail from Yokohama aboard the Tatsuta Maru on May 11, failed to reach an understanding with Count Baillet-Latour, Chairman of the International Olympic Committee, with regard to his formal appointment—Domel.

No Representative

Tokyo, May 10. Japan will not be represented at the International Olympic Committee Meeting to be held in London early in June.

Dr. Nagai has given as his reason for resigning the unfavourable atmosphere among certain members of the I.O.C. against him. "Even if I should go to London," he stated, "unless I am elected a member, I should be unable to attend the meeting of the I.O.C. That election takes place on the day I would arrive in London, and if I should not be elected my trip all the way to London would be useless. Under such circumstances, I have decided not to go."—Domel.

PIGS NEED VITAMIN

Berkeley, Cal. Dr. E. H. Hughes of the division of animal husbandry at the University of California has demonstrated that pigs need vitamins just the same as human beings. Growing pigs especially, he has found, have to have sufficient riboflavin, one of the elements of the Vitamin-B complex, otherwise they won't grow right.

STAMP DUTY EVADED Two Receipts Instead Of One Allegedly Issued

As the defendant was not present in Court, a summons of evading stamp duty against Tang Kum (Kun Cheong), was adjourned for three weeks by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Sergeant B. Grainger was complainant.

It is alleged that defendant, on March 26, at a shop in Lai-chikok Road, executed two receipts for \$12.29 and \$15 instead of a single receipt for a debt of \$27.29.

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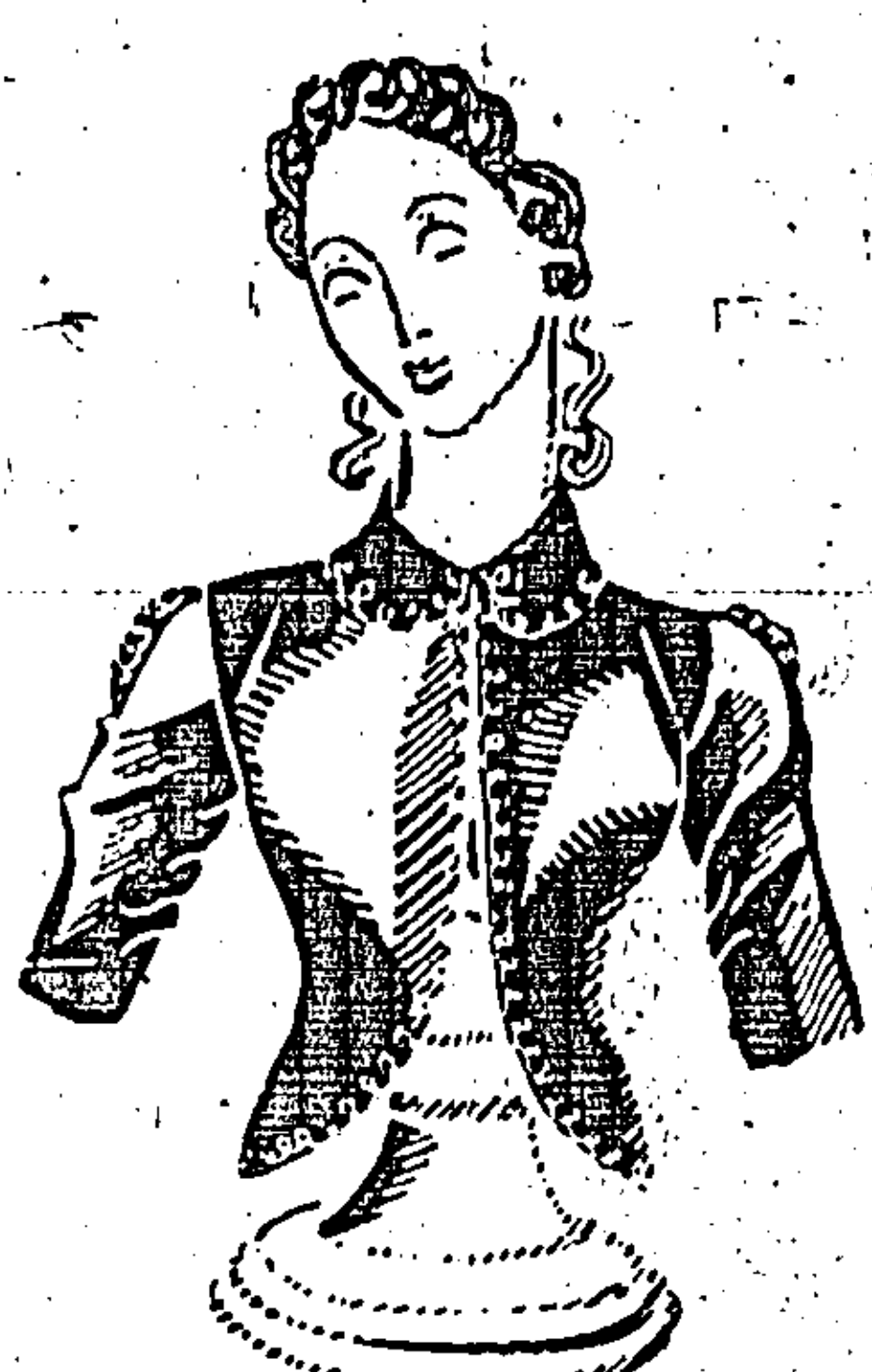
(Bilingual) A Semi-Monthly Publication of 20 pages on the present hostilities. Photo news.

The Cold Shoulder

If you have an off-the-shoulder evening dress, there may be times when you go to the play, dine in a restaurant, or are asked out to dinner in a draughty house, when your décolletage may be excessive or merely chilly. So here is the answer. Have one or two of these little jackets, quite in period, and easily removable.



1 This consists of a back piece and two sleeves of striped taffeta, the back finishing in a broad belt, which laces at the front waist, peasant style. The back is cut in one piece round to the front to complete the arm-holes.



2 This little Victorian coat would be the easiest possible thing for your "little dress-maker" to copy. It is cut into the waist, basqued, and trimmed with braid. Made of Ottoman silk, it would look particularly good over a full-skirted frock.



3 For those slim and young enough to wear capes, this ruched capelet provides the ideal solution to cold shoulders. Make it in taffeta, which ruches nicely, and line it with something warm to the skin.



4 Bolero in slipper satin with crisp organdi frilling round the neck, sides, and back. Frilling should be as detachable as possible, because it will need to be laundered more often than the bolero. Keep, if you can, an extra ruffle.

Feminine Frivolities

WHAT WOMEN WORE IN 1839

DRESSES were very elaborate a hundred years ago. Imagine a modern girl attired in a morning dress of white organdie, festooned with lilac bows! The short sleeves were light at the top, with a long puff below, and the long, full skirt was extended by a stiff, full petticoat. When it came to evening dress the women of 1839 simply surpassed themselves. Picture a buxom matron disporting herself in "a robe of maroon velvet, trimmed with blond lace flounces, and velvet flowers of vivid colours." The bodice was cut extremely low, but she modestly wore "a chemise of white tulle, which rises sufficiently high round the bust to shade it in a very elegant manner."

When in full evening dress, young women were recommended to wear "singularly pretty little caps of tulle placed on the back of the head and encircled with a wreath of flowers," while matrons were advised to put on "elegant white caps of tulle, ornamented with white ears."

"New" Materials
The newest materials featured in the fashions of 1839 were marcelines, taffetas glaze, foulards, jacquet muslins, and a mixture of cotton and wool very fashionable for promenade costumes. Embroidered organdie "of the most exquisite fineness and transparency" was recommended as being

the latest fashion from Paris. Jewellery was much worn, and brooches of gold and enamel of various colours, representing fruits and flowers in their natural tints were the newest vogue. Shawls were decidedly popular one hundred years ago, and were worn outdoors and indoors. Large shawls of plain cashmere; silk shawls of various colours; black tulle shawls, lined with lilac and blue, and black satin shawls for married women all enjoyed great popularity. The most elegant shawls were trimmed with fringe, a new and highly favoured idea at that time.

Elaborate Hats
Hats and bonnets were large and elaborate, and worn well on the back of the head, to display smoothly parted hair looped round the ears. Bonnets of leghorn straw, rimmed with long white feathers, tipped with blue or pink, tied with black lace bonnets adorned with feathers intermingled with velvet flowers.

It is interesting to note that in 1839 silk stockings cost from 2s 6d to 7s 6d, and cotton stockings could be bought from 3d per pair upwards. Satin shoes cost 6d, silk shoes 5s, while kid and morocco shoes were only 4s 6d per pair.

Lace mittens could actually be purchased at ninepence per pair. Margaret Hillman.



A new sweater-blouse, crocheted in a variation of the shell stitch, and worked in a tweedy effect from multi-coloured mercerized cotton, will be gay and becoming this spring and summer. Short and figure-moulding, it features a soft turndown collar and slightly puffed short sleeves.

How Do You Smile?

HOW do you smile? Most women think they smile sweetly of course, but few of us realise that every time we smile we are unconsciously revealing our character to those who have eyes to see.

To a keen observer a woman's smile reveals a great deal. For a beautiful smile is not always the smile of a beautiful woman. Very often the plainest women smile charmingly that when they smile they cease to be plain. Their features are not faultless, but their beautiful smile disarms all criticism.

Other women with far greater claims to beauty are disappointing when they smile, for many of them merely open their mouths and display two large rows of teeth.

Some women smile only with their lips, while their eyes remain cold and expressionless. Such women are apt to repel by their apparent lack of sincerity.

Then we all know women with a perpetual smile. These gushing women apparently have not learned that even a smile can be overdone. Other women have a delightful, humorous smile that banishes depression and warms the heart of the beholder.

Watch these women with a slow, coaxing smile. See how they always manage to get their own way.

Most of us have seen at one time or another the women who wear a smile of superiority. Somehow such a smile seems to arouse antagonism. The wistful smile that can change anger to pleasure is a gift that most women value beyond price, but this smile is usually quite an unconscious possession.

Women who sometimes smile outdoors are public benefactors. So many women frown and look worried when walking in the street that it cheers our hearts to see any woman with a happy smile.

Women who have a sweet, pleasant smile that reflects inward beauty possess one of the greatest secrets of popularity, for this smile is irresistible.

Margaret Hillman.

SHORT CUTS

To make salty gravies and soups palatable drop a piece of raw potato into the liquid for a few minutes before removing it from the fire.

Boiled salad dressing will not curdle if the beaten eggs are stirred into cold vinegar before boiling.

A delicious syrup for waffles or pancakes is made from jelly which turns to sugar. Simply add half a glass of water to one glass of jelly, heating just enough for jelly to dissolve.

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Lacy Lingerie for Spring

New York—It just doesn't do to white or boudoir colours, is run, take one's eye off things, as for Here's the ideal "something blue" instance what goes on in smart for the bride who is careful to wear shops, I've in mind lingerie see something old, new and blue on her tions, although the same applies to wedding day.

It stands to reason, with little girl dresses—many of them made of snowy white lying about and to know washable materials—one just naturally wants lingerie in the little-girl rather than the grand-dame manner. And when I say lingerie I mean undies of muslin, handkerchief linen and so on.

It works, this way: the shirtwaist type of dress, be it gypsified or otherwise, is a transparent affair and needs to be worn over something pretty provocative. It just doesn't look right over satin and silk crepes. It needs to be something lacy, finely embroidered or thirty minutes, rinse in cold water both, or it needs to be beautifully and wash out in warm water and and finely tucked. I've made it my mild soapuds. Do not let the salt business to explain about heading remain too long; it might damage through which dainty ribbon, in the material.

Removing Wine Stains

To remove red wine stains from table linens, cover the stain with salt as quickly as possible and moisten it with cold water. After thing lacy, finely embroidered or thirty minutes, rinse in cold water both, or it needs to be beautifully and wash out in warm water and and finely tucked. I've made it my mild soapuds. Do not let the salt business to explain about heading remain too long; it might damage through which dainty ribbon, in the material.



Nicole de Paris demonstrates the ultimate in chic for the sophisticated woman when she wears this boldly striped, black and white dress with matching full-length cape, one of her own original designs. The Nicole hat of black milan straw is topped by three ornamental calla lilies of white velvet. This costume was included in one of the recent fashion shows at the Ritz-Carlton in New York.

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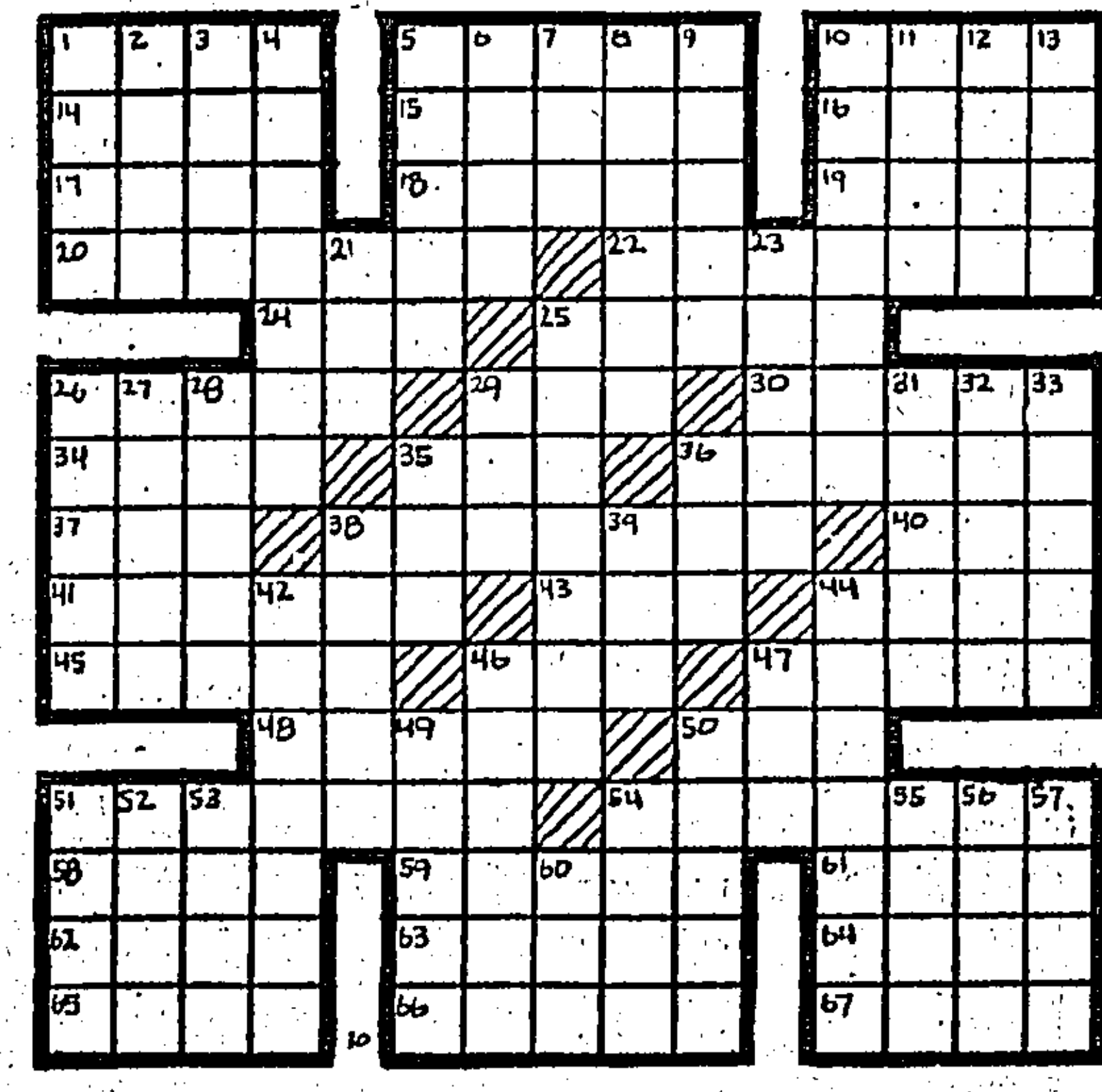
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4—Arrow poison used by French Congo natives
5—According to law
6—Famous ruler
7—Five-year-old male deer
8—Bird of prey
9—Lined
10—Deformed slave to "The Tempest"
11—Deceitful
12—Drinking counter
13—Judy
14—Grown person
15—Female fox
16—Portion of medicine
17—Lion
18—Have recourse
19—Lion denoting origin
20—Cross mercenary
21—Strive for
22—Minor plant
23—Mental torment
24—Troublesome insect
25—Vehicle used in war
26—Examine
27—Remove forcibly
28—Laid
29—Small room
30—Cancer
31—Turned face
32—Less dense
33—Instrumental compositions
34—True-hearted Scotch
35—Able to read
36—Oval
37—Barred
38—Initiate
39—Left unended
40—Part of orchestra
41—Maid
42—Pile of sheep
43—Mistake
44—Club used in baseball
45—Cruel
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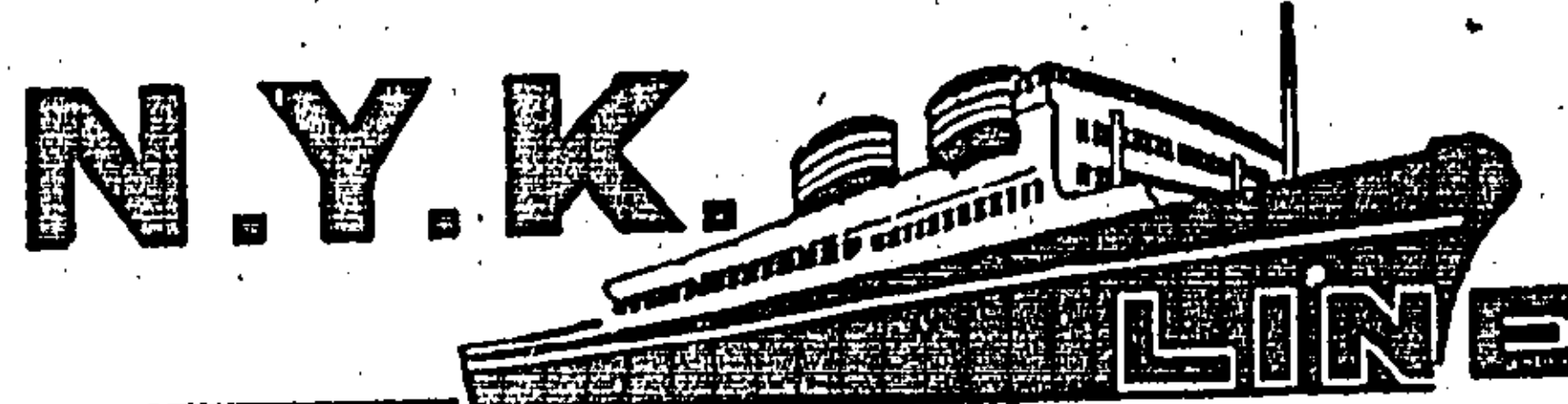
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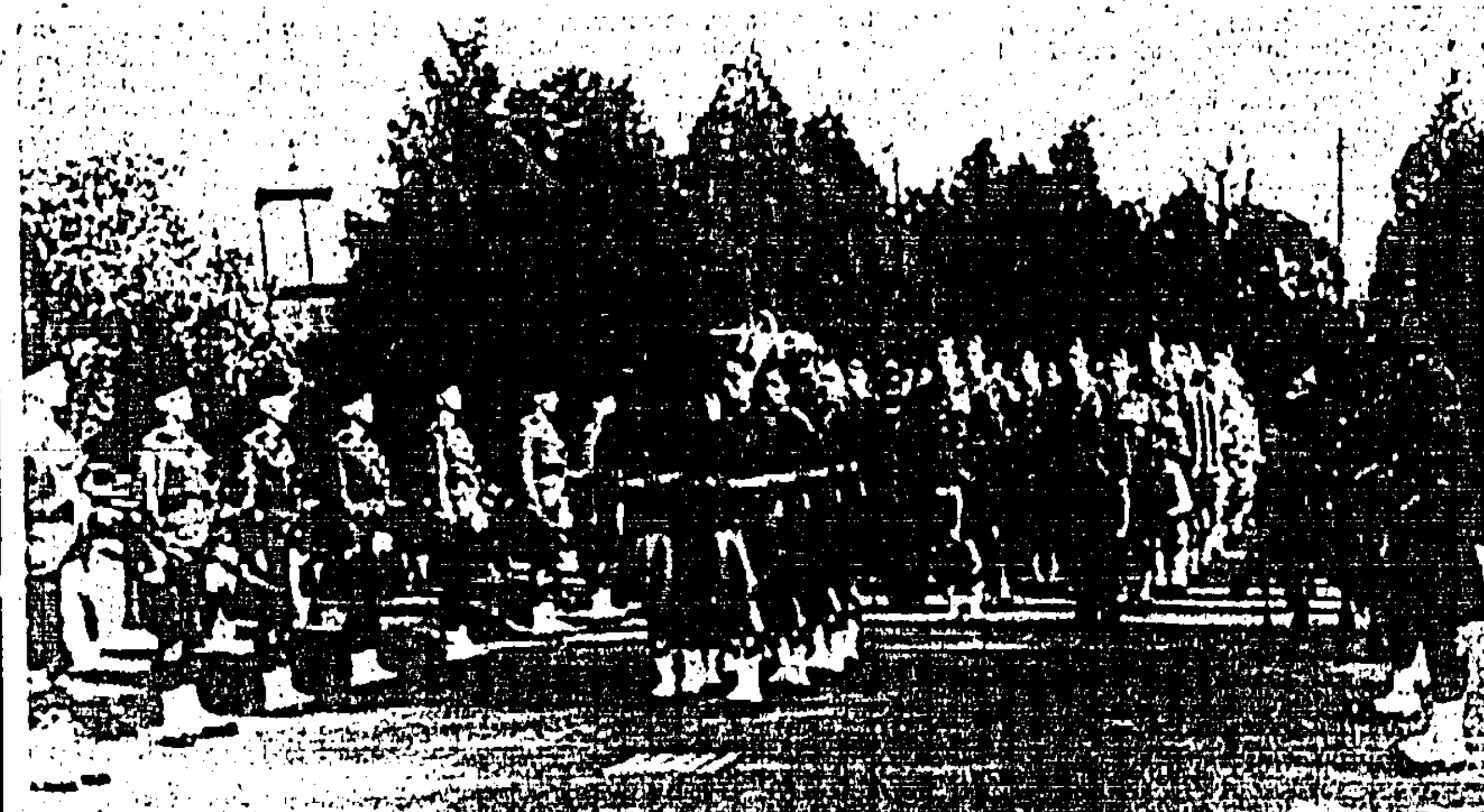
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PHOTO NEWS

Shanghai News In Pictures



The body of 21-year-old Private Frank Kibby, of the Seaforth Highlanders, being carried to the grave by eight of his comrades at the British military funeral which was held recently at the Hong-jao Road Cemetery, Shanghai. Pte. Kibby died at the British Military Hospital after a short illness.



An impressive funeral service was held at the Bubbling Well Cemetery, Shanghai, recently, for the late Mr. Bertram Lillie, B.Sc. Eng. (Lond.), A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.E., who died as the result of a motor accident on Broadway. Picture shows Dean A. C. S. Trivett of the Holy Trinity Cathedral, at right, officiating, assisted by the Rev. P. C. Matthews. Chief mourners stand on the side of the casket.



In a ceremony held in the new German Community Hall, Shanghai, the German community, headed by members of the China and Shanghai branches of the German National Socialist Labour Party, observed the 60th birthday anniversary of Herr Adolf Hitler. This picture shows Herr S. Lahrmann, leader of the China Group of the Party, giving the salute after having addressed the audience.



Nine members of the Shanghai Municipal Police (Specials) were presented with long service medals by Deputy Commissioner R. G. MacDonald, their commanding officer, during a parade held in the S.V.C. Drill Hall recently. This picture shows Deputy Commissioner MacDonald, pinning a long service medal with bar on the breast of Inspector W. Golding, while Assistant Commissioner W. J. Gande looks on.

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OBITUARY

American Clubman

Of Shanghai

Shanghai, May 8.

The death is reported of Mr. William Cook Belknap, aged 50.

Mr. Belknap was an American, well known as a clubman in Shanghai. He was formerly head of the Columbia Country Club.

He is survived by his wife, daughter and son.—United Press.

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Passengers And Mail From Hanoi

The Air France plane reached Hongkong at 12.40 p.m. yesterday with mails and passengers from Hanoi.

Among the passengers were Mr. R. Landis, returning from Indo-China in the interests of the Ford Motor Company, Mr. N. Sorosin, Messrs. Mezel and Anthoine.

The plane will leave for Paris at 6.30 a.m. on Saturday.

GIGANTIC AERODROME

Nara, May 10. As part of the national programming for the celebration of the 2,000th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire, a plan is under way for the construction of a gigantic aerodrome over an area of 100,000 taubo in the suburbs of the city of Nara.

Designed to be completed before February 11, construction of the projected airport will be started on May 18 with an elaborate ceremony. The airfield will contain a south-to-north 400-metre runway and an east-to-west 500 metre runway, two hangars, a weather observatory, dormitories for trainees, and a post-office.—Domei.

FLIGHT TO NEW ZEALAND

London, May 10. Eighteen Wellington Vikings bombers are flying to New Zealand shortly in three batches of six. They will be piloted by New Zealanders who are now undergoing training with the Royal Air Force in England.—Reuter Bulletin.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

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For London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. May 12 Imperial Airways 7 a.m. May 16.

For Chungking, Siam, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.

For U.S.A. via Manila and Guam: Pan American Honolulu Clipper 8.30 May 12.

For France, via Hanoi: Air France 6.30 a.m. May 13.

Inward

From London: Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. May 11. Imperial Airways 6 p.m. May 15.

From U.S.A. via Guam, and Manila: Pan American Honolulu Clipper 12.30 p.m. May 11.

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MESSAGE OF PEACE

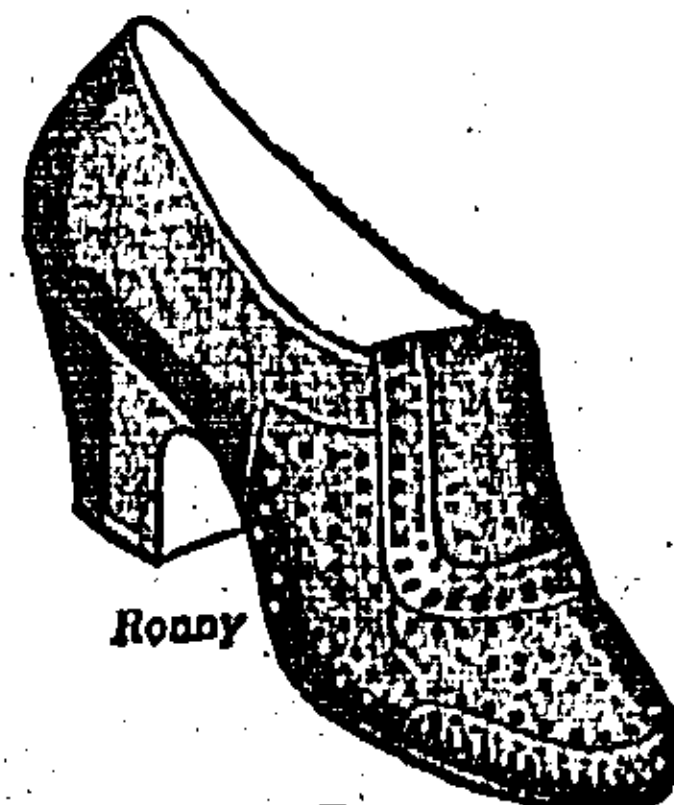
Dr. Reichelt Speaks On Madras Conference

An interesting talk entitled "A Message of Peace from Madras" was given by Dr. K. L. Reichelt before members of the Peace Pledge Union at the Challenge Book Shop yesterday.

Dr. Reichelt described the Christian World Conference which was held at Tambaram, near Madras, in December when 470 delegates from 70 different countries were present. There was only one resolution which bore directly on the war, said Dr. Reichelt, and that was agreed to on Christmas day. He read out the resolution from the Report of the Conference.

The speaker then described the personalities who were prominent at the Conference. They were Dr. C. Z. Koo of China, who spoke on problems connected with the Sino-Japanese war; Dr. Kagawa of Japan, who spoke on the meaning of the Cross; and the Rev. C. F. Ambrose, well known missionary in India.

Mr. J. Russell, Chairman of the meeting, thanked the speaker, and reminded those present that the next meeting will be a visit to the Social Settlements in Kowloon next week.



"Drink No Coffee" Italians Told

ROME, May 10.—"Drink no more coffee" is the order given to Italians by Signor Achille Starace, secretary of the Fascist Party, in the official Gazette to-day.

Those who are unable to dispense entirely with this beverage are urged to reduce consumption to the minimum.

"In this manner," he says, "we shall get even with those countries who will not exchange coffee for our goods, but which insist upon money in advance."—Trans-Ocean.

BOMBAY, May 10.—Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former President of the Reichsbank, who is visiting India, left Simla for Calcutta to-day. During his two days' stay in Simla Dr. Schacht was the guest of the Viceroy, Lord Linlithgow.—Trans-Ocean.

Lawlessness In Hongkew Area

Britain Tells Japan Of Difficulties

LONDON, May 10.—During question-time in the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Haslam asked whether the attention of the Japanese Government had been called to the difficulties experienced by the Shanghai Municipal Council in preserving law and order in the Settlement, owing to the chaotic conditions and lawlessness prevailing in the Japanese-controlled districts surrounding the Settlement.

In a written reply, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that the attention of the Japanese authorities had already been drawn to these difficulties.—Reuter.

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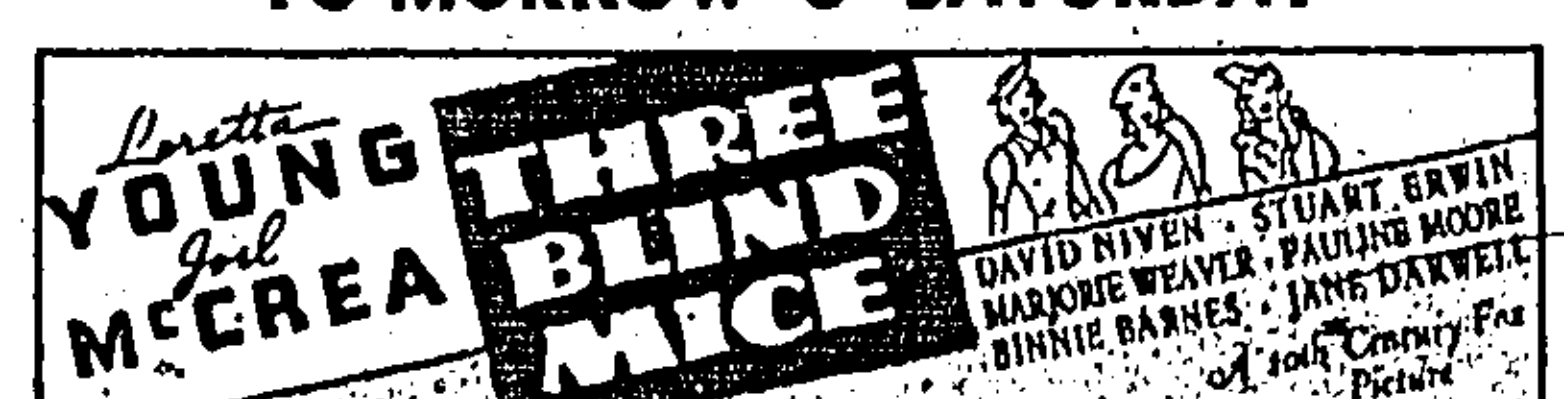
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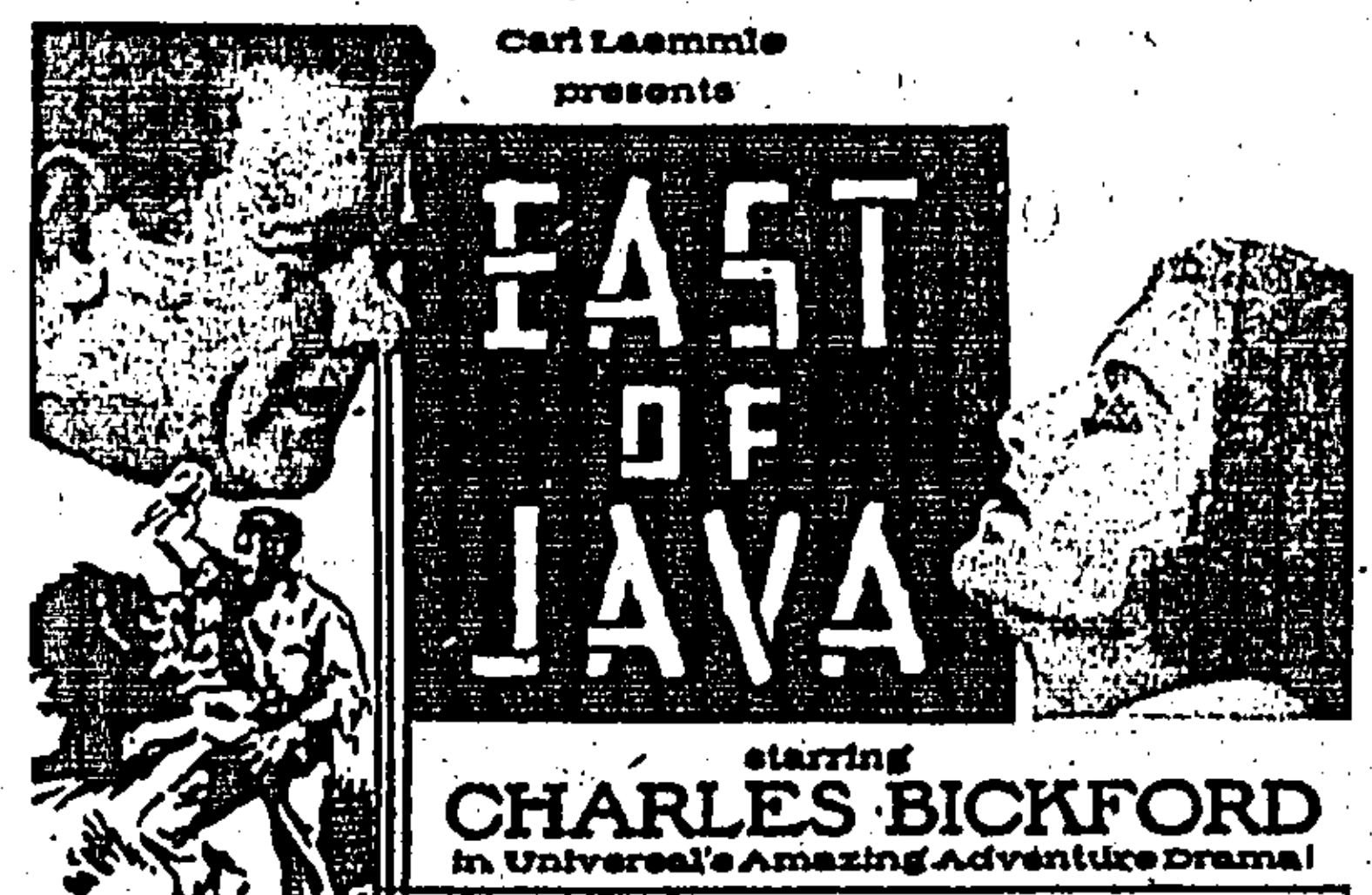
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Murder Of British Agent In Mosul

LONDON, May 10. In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Noel Baker, asked whether further enquiries had been made to ascertain if the recent murder of the British Consul in Mosul was the result of subversive propaganda by agents of the Government of another European country.

Mr. R. A. Butler stated that it was understood no connection had been established between the individuals arrested and sentenced for the murder of Mr. Monk-Mason and agents of any foreign Power.

Guerillas Raid Japanese Boat

SHANGHAI, May 11.—It is learned that in the absence of Japanese officials guerillas raided the customs launch Hsuehsheng, which was moored in Chefoo harbour.

They escaped in the motor boat with a large quantity of arms and munitions.—Reuter.

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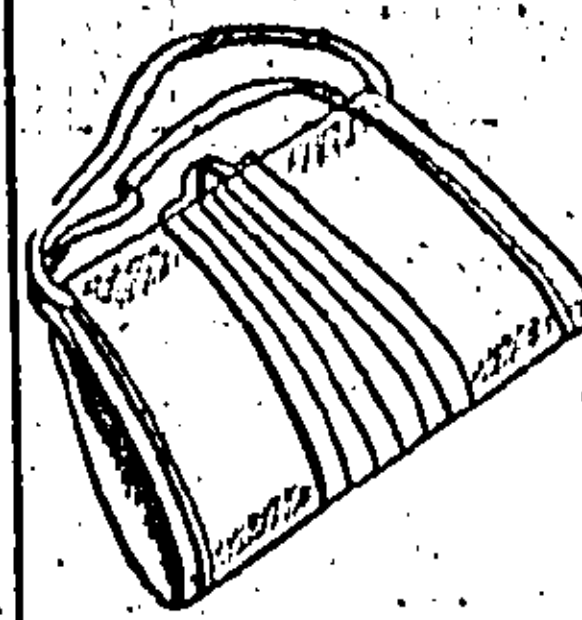
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Sergeant J. Harris, of Police Headquarters, is the owner of a Morris VIII, No. 3245.

Of course, what we should have said is that Sergeant Harris was the owner of a Morris car. Because, when Sergeant Harris left his quarters at the Park Road Police Quarters at 8 o'clock this morning, he walked. Someone had stolen his car!

200 PEOPLE KILLED FOR INSURANCE

Amazing Murder Ring Revealed In America

PHILADELPHIA, May 10.

DETECTIVES ARE investigating the activities of a "murder-for-insurance" ring which is blamed for at least 200 murders in the United States.

The investigators have found evidence of murder having reached the proportions of a competitive industry.

They also have evidence that a second ring obtained a share of the insurance profits.

They specialised in women who had grown tired of their husbands.

The operations of the rings spread over five States.

The bodies of suspected victims have so clogged the police mortuaries that District Attorney Charles F. Kelly has ordered extra shifts of chemical analysts for day and night duty.

Fantastic Insurances

PHILADELPHIA, May 10.—The ever-widening inquiry into the murder syndicate has indicated that the ring had a branch at Pittsburgh through which they handled the insurance business in the same methods adopted in Philadelphia and New Jersey.

An inkling that the ring may have murdered at least one prominent person for a large and quick profit instead of their customary small insurance profits is seen in the report by the Hartford Insurance Company on the suspicious death of a wealthy businessman in 1935 which had previously been listed as accidental death.

The Company paid over \$100,000, since the policy provided for a double indemnity in case of accidental death.

Twenty-four persons are now being held in custody as officers or customers of the syndicate. Their trials are expected to occupy the Philadelphia courts throughout the summer.

One court has already been set aside for the hearings.—United Press.

British Naval Chiefs Meet

Singapore Talks On Far East Problems

LONDON, May 11. Mr. Hector C. Bywater, Naval Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" understands that a conference of flag officers and their staffs of all British naval squadrons east of Suez may be held at Singapore in the near future, to bring up to date co-ordination of Far East defence measures in the event of an emergency.

The writer says that a similar conference has been held at regular intervals during recent years, but the one pending promises to be of particular importance.

Officers who may attend are Admiral Sir Percy Noble, Commander in Chief of the China Squadron, Commodore T. B. Drew, and Vice-Admiral James Somerville.

The writer adds that the commanding officers of the Australian and New Zealand squadrons, Rear-Admiral Custance and Commodore Hirst-Carnes may also be present.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The rescued officers and crew of the sunken liner *Lindenberg* have been taken to Iloilo in the Philippines, according to a notification from Admiral Yarnell which has been received by the Navy Department.—Reuter.

Amazing Plot In Africa

Attempt To Seize British Territory

SWAKOPMUND, May 10.—

The British intelligence service has discovered a far-reaching plot for seizing positions in South-West Africa, according to Mr. Lardner Burke, leader of the English-speaking community, and a prominent member of the Legislative Assembly.

In a speech here, Mr. Burke declared that the South African police which had recently been despatched to South-West Africa by General Smuts, arrived in the nick of time to save the territory from fighting and bloodshed.—Reuter.

4-POWER TALKS IN GENEVA

Peace-loving Group To Confer

PARIS, May 10.—The "Intransigent" asserts to-day that Poland, Russia, France, and England will hold a four-power conference during the forthcoming League Council meeting in Geneva.

The paper points out that the League business alone is no longer a matter of great interest to politicians and statesmen who go to Geneva these days.

The meetings are now regarded as a favourable opportunity for establishing diplomatic contacts which might attract undue attention if held elsewhere.

The paper regards it as certain that M. Bonnet, Viscount Halifax and Colonel Beck will meet M. Potemkin at Geneva during the forthcoming meeting of the Council.—Trans-Ocean

Tit For Tat!

WARSAW, May 10.—An apparently inspired article in the "Express Poranny" states that any attempt at a one-sided solution of the Danzig problem by the Danzig Nazis or Germany is destined to failure.

The paper adds that if it is desired to arrange a plebiscite in Danzig, Poland will insist that a plebiscite should first be held in Bohemia and Moravia.

It is announced that the authorities have expelled 12 Germans from the Polish frontier zone of Posnan on a charge of spreading false rumours and of disloyalty. Two women have been expelled from the frontier zone of the Polish Corridor for illegal activities against the State frontier in the Posnan district.—Reuter.

"Premier Is Holding Back From Close Alliance" CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY CRITICISED IN FRANCE

PARIS, May 10.

FRENCH admiration for Mr. Neville Chamberlain which has featured the French press during recent weeks, to-day turned into somewhat bitter criticism for his irresolute handling of the Anglo-Soviet negotiations.

"Pertinax," writing in "L'Ordre," maintains that Mr. Chamberlain is holding back from entering into a close alliance with Russia because it might have the effect of alienating some of the countries, both big and small, that have aligned themselves with the democracies, as well as driving Spain, Portugal, and Japan into the Axis camp.

POWERS MUST CHOOSE

If Mr. Chamberlain is allowed to be guided by considerations of this sort, adds the commentator, then it would be hard to allay doubts about his prudence.

The Powers have now to choose between two alternatives: to sacrifice everything to the imperative necessity of obtaining forces strong enough to hold the dictators in check, which means an alignment with Russia on this front, or to renounce all hope of the possibility of setting up an enduring rampart in the East.—Trans-Ocean.

"ALL A MISTAKE"

LONDON, May 10.—In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain declared that Russia would be expected to aid the victims of aggression in Eastern Europe only provided France and Britain have gone to their aid and are actually at war.

Yesterday's Soviet communique, he explained, was based on a misunderstanding.

But Britain, he indicated, had rejected the Soviet proposal for a military alliance. After consultation with France, Britain had pointed out to Russia certain difficulties in such an alliance.

BRITAIN'S PLEDGE

He recalled that Britain was pledged to assist a number of nations and hinted that any British proposal for a similar pledge to the Soviet would have aroused the opposition of Poland and Rumania.

Accordingly Britain suggests that Russia should make a declaration similar in effect to the British declaration.

The gist of such a declaration would be: "In the event of Britain and France becoming involved in hostilities while discharging their obligations, the Soviet will express its readiness to lend assistance if desired."

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TURKEY AS AN ALLY

Negotiations Ending No Offer To Reich

LONDON, May 10. Mr. Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Anglo-Turkish negotiations are nearing completion.—United Press.

Britain and Germany London, May 10.—England has made "no formal" offer of a mutual assistance pact to Germany, declared Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day, in reply to a written enquiry.

He explained that the offer of a guarantee to which he referred on May 3 had not been transmitted to the German Government through diplomatic channels, neither had a German answer to his suggestion been received.—Trans-Ocean.



MR. CHAMBERLAIN

German Monoplane Returning To H.K.

TOKYO, May 11.—The Junker monoplane piloted by Baron von Gablenz, will take off from Handed Airport for Hsinking to-morrow.

After a two-days stay in Manchukuo, it will fly back to Berlin via Fukuoka, Taihoku and Hongkong.

The German crew intend to hop off from Tokyo at 7 a.m. arriving at Hsinking at 1.30 p.m., via Toyama and Seishin, Korea, thus covering the distance of 930 miles in 6 1/2 hours.

On Saturday they will take off at noon for Mukden, which they will leave on Sunday at 10 a.m., to arrive in Fukuoka at 4 p.m.

The plane will leave Fukuoka early on May 15, arriving in Taihoku at 10 a.m. On May 16 the plane will take off for Hongkong, en route back to Berlin.—Donet.

Royal Liner Ploughs Through Ice-Fields

ABOARD THE EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA, May 10.—"Reuter's" special correspondent states that the Empress of Australia, which is carrying the King and Queen to Canada, increased her speed to 18 1/2 knots to-day.

At noon she was 620 miles east of Cape Race, the easternmost point of Newfoundland, and was pushing ahead in weather which was still overcast, but considerably calmer than when the speed was reduced last night.

The Captain hopes to clear the icefields during daylight to-morrow.—Reuter.

U.S. Itinerary

Washington, May 10. Two nights in the royal train, one night's stay at White House, visits to George Washington's tomb and the New York World's Fair will be in the four-day programme of the King and Queen when they visit the United States in June.

They will enter the United States from Canada at Niagara Falls on June 7 and will be received by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt at Washington.

The night of Thursday, June 8, will be spent at the White House, and the last two days in New York, where they will go to the President's home at Hyde Park.

The King and Queen will be met by an official reception committee when they reach Niagara Falls, New York State, late on the evening of Wednesday, June 7. Then they will go by train direct to Washington, where they are due at 11 a.m. next day.

At White House The President and Mrs. Roosevelt will meet them at the railway station PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

If War Comes To Europe BALANCE SWINGS TO DEMOCRACIES

By WEBB MILLER and RALPH HEINZEN
United Press Staff Correspondents

PARIS, May 10.

THE BRITISH and French general staffs are confident that if war with the dictator states comes, the margin of superiority by land, sea and in the air is now in their favour and growing more favourable daily.

The five major powers—Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Russia, have among them more than 33,000,000 men either under arms or in reserve—the greatest potential armies ever ready for action in history.

Russia has 18,000,000 trained reserves and men in active service; France has 6,250,000, Italy 6,300,000, Germany 2,200,000 and Britain 550,000.

41,000,000 Men

Allied with the democracies and the dictators are 8,000,000 seasoned troops of secondary Powers, which means that if war comes 41,000,000 men will be available for action.

Europe is speculating on where a war will be fought if it does come and how the ideological blocs will line up the start. Eventually, there seems little doubt that nearly all the nations would be forced in.

Mediterranean Venue

In event of a conflict, military experts believe the main theatres of war would be the Mediterranean, North Africa and possibly northern Italy.

The French Maginot and German Siegfried lines are so strong that possibly neither country would risk snuffing a million men in an attempt to break through there.

France might try to penetrate northern Italy through the Alps and strike Germany through the Brenner Pass, and Germany might attempt the same thing in reverse.

A major feature of such a war would be action at sea and in the air.

In event of a general outbreak of fighting, there would be prospects of military action along the traditionally "untouchable frontiers" of small nations from the North Sea to the Red Sea, the experts agree.

Alps Barrier

The Alps have been a barrier to invasion between France and Italy throughout history, although Hannibal and Napoleon both got through, and France might attempt it in the southern Alps.

France has formidable fortifications in the Alps and Italy likewise on her side.

On the only common frontier between French and Italian interests—the 100-mile long frontier across the sandy desert between Tunisia and Libya, French engineers have built the Mareth line as a miniature reproduction of the Maginot line.

Hence experts doubt whether there will be any attempt by the major powers to strike direct blows. That explains the anxiety among the three

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Imperial Dragon Throne Disappears

PRICELESS CHINESE ART TREASURE LOST

NEW YORK, May 10.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who is entrusted with the exhibition of China's Imperial Dragon Throne and famed Jade Pagoda on behalf of Madame Chiang Kai-shek, has notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the treasures have apparently disappeared between the United States and Amsterdam.

They had been smuggled from the Forbidden City (Peiping) to Siberia, from whence they were shipped to the Netherlands.

The Pagoda has arrived here safely. The Throne was supposed to be aboard the liner *Zandam* which docked several days ago. However, it has not yet been found.

The Pagoda and Throne together are valued at \$10,000,000.—United Press.

How To Make—And Keep—A Million: By A VERY RICH MAN

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(By A CORRESPONDENT)

A MAN who controls £30,000,000 capital and who in one group of trust companies alone daily safeguards the savings of 100,000 investors, has just turned eighty-four. His hair is white and scanty, his gentle face is that of a very old man, yet his brain is alert, his memory faultless, and his words chosen with the precision of a judge.

In his long life, before he left law for the City, he has been a commercial barrister and has sat as a Recorder.

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He says he is not a millionaire himself.

But this master brain behind so much widely distributed wealth has studied the mathematics of making millions.

When I saw him last week in his Victorian drawing-room in Kensington, after his usual day at his office—standing erect with his back towards a glowing fire, springing up on his toes and down on his heels in lively emphasis of a point—he felt in the mood to talk just a little about money.

It has brought him disillusionment. To all rich men who have spent half a century in amassing wealth has come, he says, this same sad disillusionment, a sense of emptiness and unfulfillment.

"After the thrill of acquiring it and watching it grow has long passed," he said, "what satisfaction is there in having a vast sum of money? Unless you are a miser and want to convert all your riches into gold coins so that you can count them, there is not much satisfaction in having credits at the bank, bits of paper, share certificates.

"When you are old—and all millionaires who make their fortunes themselves live to grow old—there is little meaning in money itself, although, as the late Sir John Ellerman could at one time have done, you can write out a cheque for £10,000,000 with little or no disturbance to your investments.

There is pleasure in giving money away, but as a rule the richer a man gets, the more closely he scrutinises what purpose he is giving it away for. He remembers the toll and anxieties that the acquisition of his millions has caused.

MOST GENEROUS

"And he remembers, too, that if his fortune is over £2,000,000, the

State will take more than half of it in death duties, another ten per cent. in legacy duties, besides making him pay nearly two-thirds of his income while he is alive in income-tax and super-tax.

"In any case millionaires to-day don't know what they will be worth—don't even know if they will still be millionaires—more than two years ahead."

"Despite all this, the millionaires of Britain are the most generous people in the country. They give at least 10 per cent. of their incomes away to charity.

"Every year £15,000,000 is contributed to the maintenance of the voluntary hospitals alone.

"Most millionaires I have known don't relish their children becoming millionaires by inheritance. They fear that it will paralyse their energies."

Since money for its own sake no longer brings him happiness, I asked him what does.

ANXIETIES THAT KILLED

"My chief satisfaction," he said, "is doing the day's work. In my case, if I do that work well I know that the security of tens of thousands of investors will be protected.

"My second claim to satisfaction is enjoying good health. No man has become a millionaire by his own effort without carefully safeguarding his health.

"He would not be able to stand the strain of toiling for his riches. His mind would never remain clear for forming the sound judgment which must guide him.

"He could never live long enough to amass a fortune that would last and, if he neglected his health once success was reached, he would be incapable of surviving the worries and responsibilities which are his inescapable burden.

"Keep your health if you want to be rich and live. Don't let your millions go to your stomach. Avoid sumptuous meals, fat cigars, champagne.

"And if your health is good, keep working. That is one reason why I still go to my office every day.

"I'm strongly opposed to compulsory retirement at sixty or sixty-five. If they are healthy, men are then at their best."



Critically ill in a Hollywood hospital recently was Della Bogart, 17, film actress, attacked by an unidentified assailant who fractured her skull. Brutal assault was similar to one in which Anya Souyeva, dancer, was killed recently. Above, Della is visited by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bogart.

Petty Officers Wanted

Expansion of the Navy has led to severe shortage of petty officers. The Admiralty announced recently that ships would be commissioned or recommissioned for sea with leading seamen acting as P.O.s and C.P.O.s in proportions up to 15 per cent. of normal complement in those ranks.

And here is proof of that argument:

Rockefeller lived to ninety-seven.

Andrew Carnegie was eighty-four.

Lipton eighty-one.

Vanderbilt eighty-three.

Lord Trent (Jesse Boot, of Boots Chemists) eighty-one.

Lord Ashton (£10,000,000) eighty.

Lord Ashton (£10,000,000) eighty.

Lord Ashton (£10,000,000) eighty-eight.

Sir David Yule (£25,000,000) seventy.

Lord Runciman (£2,000,000) ninety.

Sir Joseph Robinson (£10,000,000) eighty-nine.

The late Sir John Ellerman, the £40,000,000 king of English money-makers, died at seventy-three.

But the old man, with his back to the fire, argued that Ellerman's was a premature death. He succumbed to the unthoughtful anxieties which crowded in upon him.

Ellerman could not stop making money, for if he stopped, if he lost a million pounds, it might mean unemployment and disaster for thousands of employees.

This aged man, who has seen so many fortunes won and lost, told me:

"It is impossible to become rich and stay rich by dishonesty. You will not keep your riches. You will lose your reputation in the long run and every hand will turn against you."

"A rich man who wishes to become a millionaire must not live extravagantly. He should not maintain several expensive establishments and large staff of servants."

CRASHED SOON AFTER

"Ellerman had one magnificent house in South Audley-street, May-fair, but only one house."

"I could name many financial adventurers who have built themselves palaces only to find themselves crashing soon after."

"An income of £30,000 should be enough for a millionaire to live on. Compound interest on savings is the key to increasing your riches. An investment at 5 per cent. doubles itself in fourteen years at compound interest."

"The most successful man is the man who makes the fewest blunders. I have lived a long life, my experience goes back a great distance and my financial vision goes forward, perhaps, more than some men's. But I do not claim to be prophetic."

"Luck is only a small factor in the life of a millionaire. Judgment, self-denial, industry and health are the things that count."

PLAYING THE GAME

"There is more gambling on the Stock Exchange to-day than, say, two generations ago. But fortunes made by gambling rarely endure."

"Millionaires in my experience have not gambled to become rich. Speculative investment is not gambling."

"My observation proves that all the greatest fortunes have been made by playing the game according to the rules of the game for any particular industry."

"At times it may be a harsh game, as in the case of Rockefeller and Carnegie, but the general morality of every market is sound, for if it were not the market would go to everlasting smithereens."

"The City man of to-day is as honest as his counterpart fifty years ago. He acts up to the morals of his calling and those morals in the City of London are high."

EMPIRE NEWS

RULERS' REPLY TO THE VICEROY

NEW DELHI. The address of the Viceroy of India, the Marquis of Linlithgow, at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Princes recently, has created a profound impression.

The Congress Press regards his frank advice to the rulers to place their Administrations above criticism and to ensure proper opportunities for their subjects to ventilate their grievances, as a gesture before the talks between Lord Linlithgow and Mr. Gandhi.

The reply made by the Maharaja Jam Sahib of Nawanagar as Chancellor, on behalf of the Chamber, indicates, however, that the rulers emphasise the distinction between administrative and constitutional reforms.

The Chancellor declared that their Highnesses would not be found wanting in efforts to improve their Governments, and voiced the willingness of the smaller states with limited resources to consider a voluntary combination for certain administrative purposes, as long as it was not injurious to their individual sovereignty.

NEW ZEALAND

BIGGER PENSIONS FOR 100,000

In readiness for the inauguration of the new social security benefits scheme, the Pensions Department is supplying special forms for those who are not at present receiving pensions or allowances.

A total of 202,000 men, women and children will benefit, of whom 100,000 receive benefits now, which will automatically be increased from 23s. 6d. to 30s.

British Cars Bought.—Britain retained its big lead in the New Zealand motor car market last year. Of the 28,380 cars imported, 17,630 were from Britain, 7,735 from Canada, 2,718 from the United States, and 207 from Europe. The total value of motor vehicles and parts sold by Britain to New Zealand during the year was £3,140,275.

Southern Rhodesia

ROYAL COMMISSION'S REPORT WELCOMED

SALISBURY.

The first reactions to the report of the Royal Commission on the Censor Co-operation of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland, is satisfaction that the Imperial Government is recommended to accept the principle of eventual amalgamation of the three territories.

If the Imperial Government and the Southern Rhodesian Government agree to set up the recommended inter-territorial council, this will keep alive the question of amalgamation.

The report may be regarded as a milestone on the road to the establishment of an eventual Dominion of Rhodesia—Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia, and Nyasaland—which many hope to see as one of the member States of a Federated British Africa—South Africa, Rhodesia, and East Africa.

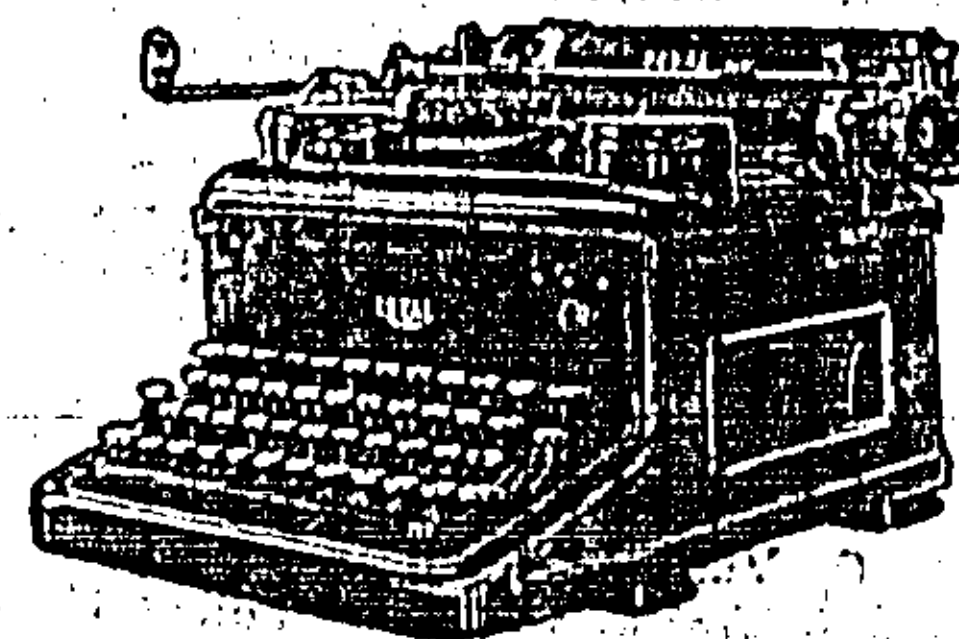
The acknowledgment of Southern Rhodesia's claims to the northern portion of Bechuanaland is also welcomed.

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A.R.P. Investigation Shows Half Britain's Wives Don't Know What Their Husbands Earn

Anglo-Indian Schools Fund

THE following appeal is being issued on behalf of the Anglo-Indian Schools Fund:

"At a Luncheon held recently at the Salter's Hall in London, H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester made a strong appeal to the City of London for financial support on behalf of the Anglo-Indian Schools Fund. The Anglo-Indian Community came into existence owing to the deliberate policy of the East India Company to encourage marriages between the pioneer traders and Indian women. The children of these marriages were brought up to regard Gt. Britain as their Homeland, and thus there grew up a Community which has played an important part in strengthening the connections between the British Isles and India. The Anglo-Indian Community has remained staunchly loyal to the British Empire, and has rendered heroic sacrifices at the time of the Indian Mutiny and in the Great War. Under the inevitable political and economic changes in modern India large numbers of this Community are out of employment, and there is no unemployment assistance scheme, nor any free State education. They are at present subsisting on small provident funds, and are consequently unable to pay the small fees which the schools have to charge. The Appeal has been commended by British firms in India, and in national honour we cannot withhold from them the one effective aid that can be given. In the absence of Lord Goschen, the Chairman, I have been asked by the Committee to express the hope that we may count upon your support. We shall feel most grateful if we may be permitted to add your name, or the name of your firm, to our list of subscribers."

Fig Growers Invent Hoodoo

Pasadena, Cal.
California fig growers have discovered a successful "scare-crow" for keeping pilfering birds away from the fig trees. It consists of a bundle of turkey feathers made to look like a hawk and perched at the top of the trees.

Some curious domestic problems came to light when A.R.P. officials tried to get a census of husbands who earn £5 a week or less (they get their shelters free).

In many cases wives who had applied for free shelters had to stop delivery when their husbands admitted they earned more than £5 a week.

Proceedings can be taken against those who obtain free shelters by false pretences.

HAZY IDEAS

In other cases the work of the officials has been doubted because of Mrs. Brown's hazy ideas of the true size of Mr. Brown's wage packet.

Those revelations so disturbed Dr. Edith Summerskill, M.P., that she asked the Prime Minister about it in the House of Commons.

An A.R.P. canvasser recently went through some of the back streets of Deptford, S.E.—streets where every shilling counts. Not one of the wives knew exactly what her husband was paid.

Even a tram conductor's wife did not know what her husband was paid.

"I have never asked him," she declared. "All that worries me is getting my share to run the home. He gives me £3. After he's paid his clubs it can't leave him much."

This is Deptford wives' chief concern—getting their share. If they get it, they don't ask too many questions.

Though wage secrecy is a more serious question among the poorer people, salary secrecy is observed to an even greater extent among the more well-to-do.

ASKED FOR MORE

This was shown by the hundreds of letters received by Dr. Summerskill after her question in the House. Here are some examples:

A woman living in Somerset with her two young children was ignorant of the salary of her husband, manager of a large firm in the Midlands.

He is able to go home only for week-ends and allows her £2 10s. a week. After paying rent and rates this leaves her only 35s. for food, lighting and heating. She asked for £1 a week more, and after a lot of argument got an extra 10s. a week.

"My husband," she wrote, "has money for amusements, holidays, recreations and clubs, and he enters into the social life of the city to a great extent. I never have a penny left over for the slightest amusement."

Formby's Sister Wins Stardom

WIGAN. **ETHEL FORMBY**, younger sister of George, famous Lancashire comedian, has become a "star" overnight.

Her Broadcast, singing and playing the "uke" in a recent "Monday Night At Seven," as brought her a two-year contract with Jack Hilton.

When Ethel went to school for the first time, she was told to jump up on the stage and play the "uke."

"I saw the instrument lying unused about the house," she told me, "so I took it to school."

"Teachers were shocked to see me playing to the rest of the kids in the playground. I gave them another shock later. When they asked me what I wanted to work at when I left school, I told them I wanted to go on the stage."

"Without consulting anybody, I left my family and went to London, where I managed to get a job as a chorus girl—in the back row."

"Many things tickled my fancy then. I used to laugh at anything. This was unfortunate, because I was fined 2s. 6d. every time I laughed!"

"Living for two weeks on bread and water-cured meat for a while, but luckily Frank Rubens, professional manager of Feldman's, managed to fix a broadcast for me. Now I have a contract I'll be getting £20-a-week."

Radio listeners will be hearing more of Miss Formby soon. She plans to sing songs in modernised form, that her famous father George Formby, sang on the music halls years ago.

TRAPPER FINDS GOLD

Prince George, B. C.

Trapping may have its good points like everything else, but Percy Peacock prefers prospecting. When the trapping business did not net him any profit, Peacock turned to prospecting. He returned to this city with \$50,000 and three bags of gold nuggets.

"I cannot tell you of the humiliation and mental anxiety all this causes me, not knowing how much he really earns."



Crown Princess Ingrid of Denmark, en route to the United States, stopped off at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and during her visit there was presented a bouquet, as above, by a store saleswoman.

Army Reforms Offer Career To 40,000 Men

FORTY THOUSAND young men on the look-out for a career
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The Army, now offers new inducements to the 40,000 recruits required in the next 12 months. Not only will the Army provide them with a career, it will also make service more attractive.

Reforms introduced with this purpose are:

Reduction of the period of foreign service from six years to four;

Permission to soldiers wishing to make the Army a career to join for 21 years.

The change is expected to have a favourable effect on recruiting. The War Office agrees that "long periods spent away from home were naturally unpopular in the Army."

Hitherto the soldier had to complete six years' foreign service before he was entitled to apply for transfer to a home establishment—and even then the period in the past was often extended for a year owing to drafting difficulties.

The shortening of overseas service is a healthy sign. Recruiting has improved sufficiently to justify the step.

The War Office points out that it is sometimes necessary to send units on temporary duty overseas—to Palestine, for instance—which usually cannot count as part of the four years abroad.

Soldiers completing four years' foreign service will be given three months' furlough if their home service unit is doing temporary duty overseas.

WIVES ARE HAPPY

Soldiers' wives appreciate especially the four years rule, since it means much longer spells at home stations—four years more at home in the case of 21-years service men, and usually do two terms of duty abroad.

Let Mrs. Griffiths, wife of Platoon Sergeant-Major W. E. Griffiths, 2nd Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment, speak up for them:

"Six years is too long to wait at home," she said. "Personally, I was fortunate in having two years in Singapore with my husband and one in India. But some wives cannot stand the climate."

"Then there are the children, their health and schooling to take into consideration. Every soldier's wife will welcome the new order."

The War Office is also making a six-months experiment with these measures:

Soldiers in last year of service can re-engage to complete 21 years and become eligible for pension.

Woman Doctor Attacks High-Heels

A woman doctor gave a warning against high-heeled shoes at a conference in Southport, Lancashire recently of 500 members of the Women's Electrical Association.

She was Dr. Beattie M. Butters, assistant medical officer of health at Southport.

"More illnesses are caused by foot trouble than by anything else these days, and the question of shoes is important to women and particularly to adolescents," she said.

"I know that low-heeled shoes look stuffy, but children, leaving school think they can do as they like. They go in for high-heeled shoes and set themselves on the road to troubles which are going to cripple them later."

MOTHER, TOO

"Life for me is about to begin," Mr. Mitchell said. "No longer will we be concerned with the everyday events of the world, for our job will be to watch over the rare birds."

Mr. Mitchell said that he intends taking his 76-years-old mother to the Gulf of Man.

"No income-tax, no motor-cars, no blazing lights and noises," he said. "Just my wife, my mother, and myself living in the old stone farmhouse."

"I think it is a wonderful place. We shall never be lonely."

"Crusoe" Takes His Wife With Him

THE loneliest job in the British Isles has been obtained by Mr. R. B. Mitchell, of Tenby, South Wales, engineer, airman, farmer, beekeeper, animal and bird lover, and handyman.

He has been appointed by the National Trust as warden of the Gulf of Man, an inlet off the Isle of Man. The post is unpaid.

Mr. Mitchell, 38-years-old son of the late Rev. P. J. Mitchell, rector of Ashby, Spilsby, Lincolnshire, and his wife will live a "Robinson Crusoe" life in a farmhouse on the island. The produce of the farm and fish will be their only food-supply.

Mr. Mitchell will be farmer, fisherman, naturalist, and official bird watcher for the National Trust.

IN R.A.F. RESERVE

Mr. Mitchell, who was chosen from 900 applicants, held a commission in the Special Reserve of the R.A.F.

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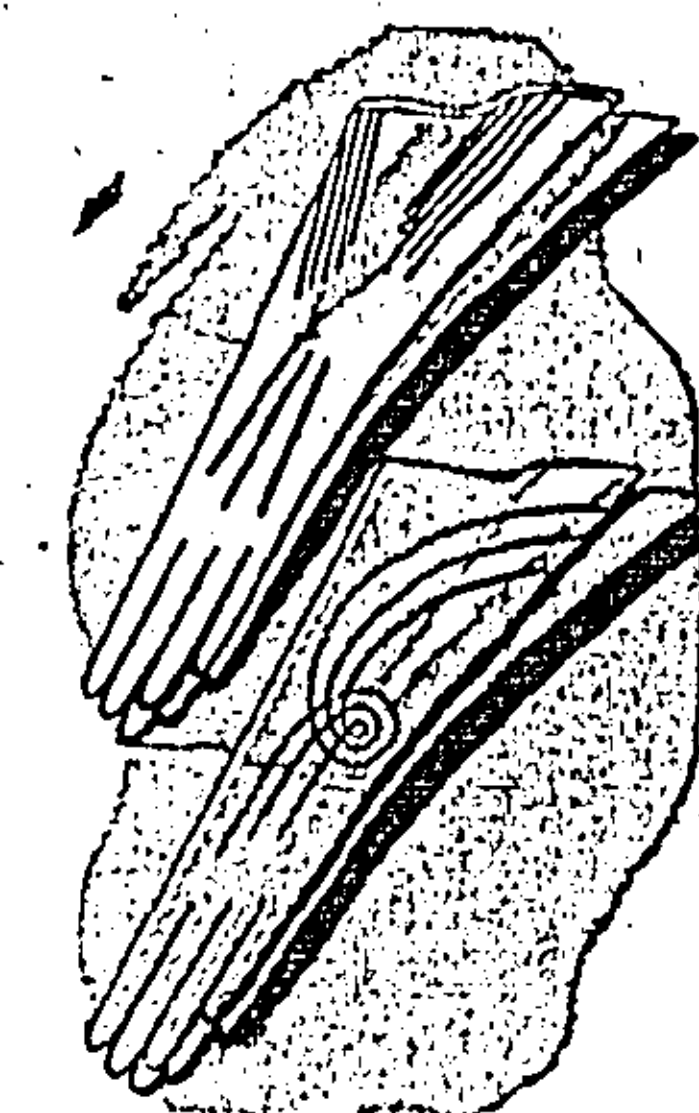
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CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY CRITICISED IN FRANCE

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The Soviet, however, proposed a "comprehensive rider" to the British proposal. "As a result it appears," said Mr. Chamberlain, "that Britain must inevitably be faced with the very difficulties our own proposals were designed to avoid."—United Press.

Premier Questioned
LONDON, May 10.—At the conclusion of his statement in the House of Commons Mr. Neville Chamberlain was subjected to a large number of questions from Opposition benches. The Premier refused to be drawn.

As to details of the negotiations, he assured Mr. Clement Attlee that the British Government was keeping in close touch with the French Government continuously during the negotiations.

In answering Mr. E. Thurtle, Mr. Chamberlain said that he regarded the conclusion of the negotiations as being of "the greatest importance and urgency."

Mr. Arthur Henderson asked if they could take it that the British Government had not finally closed their minds to the conclusion of a military alliance with Russia.

Hypothetical
Mr. Chamberlain replied that he could not answer hypothetical questions. Discussions were proceeding on certain lines, and he hoped these would soon result in a satisfactory conclusion.

Answering Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Premier said that what the negotiations were contemplating was an act of aggression.—Reuter.

British Prospects Dimmed
LONDON, May 10.—Mr. Chamberlain's statement regarding Soviet talks has dimmed the prospects of close co-operation with Russia.

The Premier partly attempted to dissuade Russia from her fears that she might be left holding the bag in a war, if Britain and France hold aloof.

However, the Premier's statement stressed that Russia is holding out for assurance of Anglo-French support if Germany attacks the Soviet through Baltic countries.—United Press.

Berlin Jubilation
BERLIN, May 10.—Anglo-Russian relations are the chief pre-occupation of the newspapers to-day.

Premature jubilation, based on the belief that the Anglo-Russian talks reached a deadlock, is countered by a sober article in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt," which says that negotiations will unquestionably continue, and that it is too early to forecast their probable outcome.

The significance of the Russian announcement consists in the fact that it reveals fully the extent and dangerous aspect of the encirclement manoeuvres of the British Government. It must be realised that the Soviet, in its official statement, in no way refused to give Rumania and Poland guarantees, and did not oppose as such the British demands that Russia should engage in the supply of military aid to Britain and France in the case of an East European conflict.—Reuter.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th May to the 8th June, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON &
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General Managers.
Hongkong, 25th April, 1939.

New C. In C. For French Squadron

HANOI, May 10.—Vice-Admiral Le Bigot has been replaced as Commander-in-Chief of the French Far Eastern Fleet by Vice-Admiral Decoux, while Vice-Admiral Petit, Commander of the French Indo-China Fleet, has been replaced by Vice-Admiral Terraux.

The two new naval commanders arrived at Saigon on May 5 aboard the M. M. liner President Doumer and received their seals of office from their predecessors aboard the Lamotte Picquet, flagship of the French Far Eastern Fleet.—Domet.

Conscription Bill Nears Completion

LONDON, May 10.—The Military Conscription Bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons this afternoon.

The chief point in the debate was the date of the final reading. Mr. Chamberlain urging that the Bill be read in the House of Commons in the week before Whitson, because otherwise the first recruits would not begin service until August. Should the bill pass its third reading before Whitson, the first batch of recruits would be called up in July.—Trans-Ocean.

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ROYAL LINER PLOUGHS THROUGH ICE-FIELDS

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and the party will motor in procession to the White House, where the heads of missions of the Diplomatic Corps will subsequently be received.

After lunching privately at the White House their Majesties will attend a garden party at the British Embassy in the afternoon, says the official announcement.

In the evening a State dinner, followed by a reception, will be given at the White House.

On Friday, June 9, the King and Queen, with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, will go to Mount Vernon on board the United States ship Potomac, lunching en route.

After lunching the King will lay a wreath on the tomb of George Washington. On leaving Mount Vernon the party will proceed by motor to Arlington Cemetery. Here the King will lay a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

To New York

After dinner at the British Embassy the King and Queen will leave for New York by train.

They will pay an official visit to New York City on Saturday, June 10, and will visit the New York World's Fair. In the afternoon they will go by car to Hyde Park where they will spend the night.

Details for this day's programme have not yet been determined.

Sunday, June 11, they will spend quietly at Hyde Park, returning by train to Canada in the evening.

During the visit to the United States Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, will act as Minister in attendance.

DIPLOMATS ACTIVE

(Continued from Page 1.)

ROME, May 10.—General von Brauchitsch, the Commander-in-Chief of the German army, arrived at the Italian military harbour of Spezia to-day.

Following an inspection of the harbour, General von Brauchitsch visited industrial plants and was present at artillery practice.

While the exchange of official visits between Prince Paul of Yugoslavia and the heads of the Italian Government were going on to-day, political circles emphasise the importance of Yugoslavia as a "vitally important factor in the peace and stabilisation of the Danube basin and the Balkans."

It is obvious that Italy desires to emphasise complete absence of any designs on Yugoslavia.

Prince Paul called on II Duca at the Palazzo Venezia this afternoon. The conversation lasted about 40 minutes.

Previously, II Duca had received the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Marovic, who was accompanied by Count Ciano. They remained together in conversation for about an hour.—Trans-Ocean.

LONDON, May 10.—M. Leon Blum, former French Premier, called at the Foreign Office to-day and had a long conversation with Viscount Halifax.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON
MOSCOW, May 10.—M. Constantin Oumansky has been appointed Soviet Ambassador to the United States.—United Press.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange, official summary issued yesterday says:

The market continued firm throughout the morning trading with a fair turnover recorded at slightly higher than buying rates.

Buyers
Hongkong Bank \$1,300
Canton Ind. \$225
Union Ind. \$435
H.K. Fir Ins. \$180
H.K. Wharves \$100
H.K. Docks \$17
Provident \$435
H.K. Ind. \$215
H.K. Lands \$33
Humphreys \$715
Star Ferry \$425
Yau-mai Ferry \$22.60
China Lights (New) \$314
Macao Electric \$100
Sankadan Lights \$12
Telephones (Old) \$234
Canton Ind. \$225
H.K. Ropes \$3.65
Daily Farm. Rts. \$205
Dairy Farm Rights \$10
Watsons \$7.65
Wing On (H.K.) \$40
Entertainments \$615
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 3 1/2% prem.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan par.

Sellers
Canton Ind. \$225
China Lights (New) \$314
H.K. Electric \$505
Telephones (Old) \$234
Hongkong Bank \$1,305/62 1/2
Union Ind. \$440/27 1/2
H.K. Ind. \$215
H.K. Realities \$4.35
H.K. Tramways \$185
China Lights (New) \$314
H.K. Electric \$505
Cement \$12 1/2
Watson's \$7 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4 1/2% prem.
Antamoks Pa. \$1
Aqua Pa. \$1
Baguio Gold Pa. 24 1/2
Benguet Consolidated Pa. 11.60
Coco Grove Pa. \$5
Consolidated Mines Pa. .003
I. X. L. Pa. \$2
Paracale Crumana Pa. 19 1/2
San Antonio Pa. \$1
United Paracale Pa. \$0

U.S. Warships Due

Five American submarines and the mother-ship U.S.S. Canopus are expected in Hongkong to-day from Manila.

The American ships are on a training cruise and will stay here for four or five days. A cocktail party for the officers is to be held aboard H.M.S. Medway this afternoon.

The U.S.S. Mindanao is now in Kowloon dock undergoing annual overhaul and will leave for Canton on May 22.

BALANCE SWINGS TO DEMOCRACIES

(Continued from Page 1.)

It becomes increasingly evident that Gen. Franco will be closely allied—morally if not militarily—with the two dictators who helped him win the civil war.

Franco's Aid

Italy has not attempted to hide the fact that if the rival blocs clash, Franco will be asked to provide air and naval bases for the Germans and Italians in the Atlantic from the mainland ports of Cadiz, Vigo and Corunna as well as from Spanish Morocco and the Canary Islands.

To effect that, the French may be expected at the outset of war to occupy the Balearic Islands as a guarantee of Mediterranean communications.

If war comes, Italy will find her new outlets plugged at Suez, Gibraltar and perhaps out of the Atlantic. The British will be at Malta and Corfu and the French at Modane and Vintimille in the Alps, as well.

Ethiopian Danger

Two hundred thousand Italian troops in Ethiopia would be cut off from their home base with 500,000 Ethiopian warriors at their backs, clamouring for revenge.

One hundred thousand other Italians in Libya would be pinched between the outposts of French forces in Tunisia and the British in Egypt.

It is no state secret that the famous "Gamelin plan" exists and has existed since the Munich crisis last September, for the French penetration of Italy.

Under the plan, the French would use the Piedmont and Lombardy plains to strike down the Po Valley to reach Germany through the Brenner Pass into Austria, thus turning the Siegfried line without violating Switzerland by taking advantage of the common German-Italian frontier created by Anschluss.

Under that plan, Italy is to be knocked out completely as rapidly as possible.

The ultimate aim is to beat her into submission by land and by air while the French fleet, backed by the British Mediterranean fleet, tries to sink the Italian fleet. To do that they must overcome the menace of Italy's 120 submarines and 2,000 bombers, so based that they need fly only a few miles to fight foreign ships at sea.

The British and French believe that by six months they will overcome the present aerial superiority of the dictator states and forge ahead.

Axis Strategy

The strategy on the German-Italian side probably would be to put the "Gamelin plan" into reverse. While Italian submarines and planes tried to wipe out the French and British surface fleet in the Mediterranean in order to grab Suez and Gibraltar, the German army would be pouring through the Brenner Pass and using the Lombardy plains to reach France on the right flank.

With her present North Sea fleet, according to naval experts, Britain would be able to hold the entire German fleet at bay without weakening her strength in the Mediterranean or risking security of her Atlantic traffic lines. The latter must be kept open to insure the constant arrival of food, and war material, which will be bought on a "cash and carry" basis if the United States revises the neutrality act.

The German fleet is rapidly being rebuilt but her three big ships of 35,000 tons are still on the ways and will not be ready this year.

Sea Blockade

One of the British-French moves in event of war would be to clamp a blockade against Germany and Italy. It is a long-range means of bringing the dictators to terms, however, and is difficult to make airtight.

That is why Germany at present is engaged in an economic offensive, tying up Rumanian oil and wheat and Jugo-Slavian meat and grain to insure deliveries in case of a blockade and to allow Germany to go into those countries to take what she needs if they break their trade agreements by refusing deliveries.

Germany has been preparing for years to meet an economic blockade, which has been the purpose of Hermann Wilhelm Goering's four-year plan to build up Germany's domestic production to national needs in as many fields as possible.

Control Of Baltic

While the British fleet presumably could bottle up Germany in the Baltic, its activities might be confined to the North Sea unless Russia entered the war.

If Russia stays out, there is no doubt that Germany could control the Baltic, and by heavily mining the narrow entrance off Kiel, she would be able to keep the British out and enjoy the natural resources of the whole Scandinavian peninsula.

Unless Germany or Italy directly attack France in a military invasion, Britain is not likely to be called upon to send a major expeditionary force across the channel.

However, the co-ordination plan of the two general staffs provides that Britain's air defenses shall be based on the continent.

Plans were drawn up months ago for the British air force to take over, in the space of a few hours, specified air bases in northern France and to occupy intermediate positions where listening services can report to London the passage of enemy planes in ample time for Britain's defense forces to intercept the invaders.

BOMBAY, May 10.—Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former President of the Reichsbank, who is visiting India, left Simla for Calcutta to-day. During his two days' stay in Simla, Dr. Schacht was the guest of the Viceroy, Lord Linlithgow.—Trans-Ocean.

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INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due.
Straits and Manila	Agamemnon	May 11
Straits	Bhutan	May 11
Japan and Shanghai	Carthage	May 11
Bangkok	Elbe	May 11
Tientsin	Hollow	May 11
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th May	Imperial Airways Plane	May 11
Shanghai	Marchal Joffre	May 11
Salon	Nanchang	May 11
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 3rd May	Pan American Airways plane	May 11
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 15th April)	Pres. Harrison	May 11
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 21st April)	Pres. Pierce	May 11
Shanghai	Talithybus	May 11
Shanghai	Conte Rosso	May 12
Shanghai	M/v. Shantung	May 12
Amoy	Sungshan Maru	May 12
Bangkok	Kalgan	May 14
Shanghai and Swatow	Kaying	May 14
Amoy	Tjibadak	May 14
Japan	Toba Maru	May 14
Shanghai and Amoy	Tsinan	May 14
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th May	Imperial Airways Plane	May 15
Straits	Cremor	May 10
Manila	Granville	May 10
Shanghai	Menestheus	May 10
Tientsin and Swatow	Ninghal	May 10
Straits	Achilles	May 17
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai, Vancouver B. C. date, 20th April	Emp. of Asia	May 17

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Thursday		
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo Thurs	May 11, 12.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 18th May	Imperial Airways Plane	Tues, May 11
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 11, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 11, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 19th May	Imperial Airways Plane	Tues, May 11
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 11, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 11, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 7 p.m.
Salon	Marchal Joffre Thurs	May 11, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 18th May	Pan American Airways plane	Thurs, May 11
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 11, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 11, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	May 12, 7.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. and (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due Vancouver B.C., 30th May	Empress of Japan, Thurs	May 11
	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	
	Parcels	May 11, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	May 12, 9.15 a.m.
	Ord.	May 12, 10 a.m.

Friday		
Manila	Pres. Harrison Fri	May 12, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Tinggang	Fri, May 12, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Woolgar	Fri, May 12, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Soochow	Fri, May 12, 12.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Pierce Fri	May 12, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Chuanchow and Foochow	Seistan	Fri, May 12, 3 p.m.
Manila and Brindisi—due Brindisi, 4th June	Conte Rosso	Fri, May 12, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"	Imperial Airways Plane	Fri, May 12
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 12, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 12, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 12, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 12, 7 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 8th June	Parcels	May 12, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	May 13, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.	May 13, 10.30 a.m.
Japan	Islami	Fri, May 12, 5 p.m.

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R. A. F. Ban On S'pore Youths Leads To Questions In The Commons

LONDON, May 10.—A question with regard to two boys from Singapore who volunteered for the Royal Air Force and were rejected because they were not of pure British descent on both sides, was asked in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. Creech Jones.

Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, in a written reply, said it had not been possible to identify the cases mentioned from the particulars given, but the regulation was that applicants for enlistment in the air force must be of pure European descent and also British subjects, and the sons of parents who were both British subjects.

He did not think it would be desirable to modify this regulation.—*Reuter.*

German Journalist Must Leave Egypt

CAIRO, May 10.—The expulsion of a German journalist, Paul Schmitz, from Egypt was ordered by the authorities to-day.

It is stated that the action has been taken at the request of the British Embassy on account of reports sent by Schmitz to German newspapers, notably in connection with the recent death of King Ghazi of Iraq, which were calculated to disturb relations between Britain and the Arab countries.—*Trans-Ocean.*

PARIS, May 10.—The formal ceremony of the renewal of President Lebrun's term of office for a further seven years took place to-day at Elysee. The ceremony consisted of a presentation to President Lebrun of the gold chain of the Grand Master of the Legion of Honour.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Peace Gesture In China Time Ripe For New Mediation Offer

LONDON, May 10.—The Rev. W. R. Sorenson asked in the House of Commons to-day whether, in view of the recent decision of the Japanese Government not to enter into a fuller alliance with Italy and Germany for military and other purposes, the Prime Minister would take immediate steps to propose to the Japanese Government a cessation of its aggressive action in China, the withdrawal of her troops, and the immediate holding of a Far Eastern conference between all the Powers affected, with a view to securing an agreement of non-aggression and equitable economic co-operation.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that Viscount Halifax had only seen newspaper reports of the Japanese decision. The view of His Majesty's Government was fully set out in its Note of January 14 to the Japanese Government.—*Reuter.*

Rhodesia Joins In The Fun

SALISBURY, Rhodesia, May 10.—The intention to organise the colony's main-power by means of a national register was announced by the Minister of Defence during the budget debate in the Assembly to-day. He added that the economic life of the colony would also be organised. The Government would not hesitate to recommend compulsory service if the need arises, but it would be premature to do so at the present time.—*Reuter.*

ROME, May 10.—An amnesty for persons charged with political offences in Albania was announced to-day by King Victor Emmanuel. This will apply to refugees in Albania, as well as those who have fled to other countries.—*Trans-Ocean.*

CHUNGKING RAIDS Japan Told Of British Horror

LONDON, May 10.—Replying in the House of Commons to-day to questions with regard to the bombing of Chungking, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that in the course of an air raid on May 4, an explosive bomb dropped in the native staff quarters of the British Consulate-General, and he much regretted to report that two Chinese members of the staff were killed, and 11 wounded.

Viscount Halifax was now awaiting a fuller report of the general results of the raid. His Majesty's Ambassador to Tokyo had been instructed to protest vigorously to the Japanese Government.

Replying to Mr. Tom Williams, Mrs. Butler gave an assurance that sentiments against the raid, as such, had also been expressed.—*Reuter.*

Volunteers In Spain Leaving

LONDON, May 10.—Assurances that foreign volunteers still in Spain will be repatriated following the victory parade in Madrid, were given to the British Government declared Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons to-day.

He stated that evacuation had already begun, and that groups of foreign troops left Spain a short time ago.—*Trans-Ocean.*

CANBERRA, May 10.—The Australian Defence Minister to-day announced that Sir Leopold Sillars, the well-known harbour engineer and general, was engaged to visit Australia immediately to advise the Government on building a dry dock to accommodate capital ships.—*Reuter.*

H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Banks \$	1,302 1/2/05
Chartered \$	77 1/2
Mercantile, A. & B. \$	27 1/2
Mercantile, C. \$	13 1/2
East Asia \$	100 0/0

INSURANCES	
Canton \$	225 1/2
Unions \$	430 1/2
China Underwriter \$	130 1/2
H.K. Fire \$	180 1/2

SHIPPING	
Douglas \$ (s. d.)	87 1/2
Steamships \$	15 1/2
Indo-China, D.S.	60 1/2
Indo-China, D.S.	24 1/2
Shell Borealis \$	83 1/2
Waterbores \$	84 1/2

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves \$	100 1/2
Docks \$	17 1/2
Provisions \$	4 1/2
New Eng. Sh. \$	70 1/2
Sh. Docks, Sh. \$	100 1/2

MINING	
Kailan \$	19 1/2
Raub \$	8 1/2
Venz: Goldfield \$	3 1/2
Hongkong Mines \$	4 1/2
Atoka \$	31 1/2
Bangulo Gold \$	24 1/2
Benguet Cons. \$	11 1/2
Coco Grove \$	35 1/2
Demonstrations \$	52 1/2
I.K.L. \$	52 1/2
Camarines \$	100 1/2
San Mauricio \$	100 1/2
Suyoco Consols \$	59 1/2
Paracales \$	59 1/2

LANDS	
Hotels \$	5,550 0/0
Land \$	33 1/2
Land 4% deb. \$	100 1/2
Shui Lands \$	80 1/2
Humphreys \$	7 1/2
H.K. Realities \$	435 1/2
Chinese Estates \$	102 1/2

UTILITIES	
Trams \$	10 1/2
Pink Trams (old) \$	8 1/2
Pink Trams (new) \$	4 1/2
Star Ferries \$	65 1/2
Y. Ferries \$ (x d.)	22 1/2
China Lights (old) \$	84 1/2
China Lights (new) \$	33 1/2
H.K. Electric \$	50 1/2
Macao Electric \$	12 1/2
Sandakan Lights \$	12 1/2
Telephones (old) \$	23 1/2
Telephones (new) \$	7 1/2
Traction \$	21 1/2
Traction \$	22 1/2

INDUSTRIAL	
Cold: Macg. (ord.) \$	14 1/2
Cold: Macg. (pre.) \$	13 1/2
Canton Ices \$	1 1/2
Cements \$	12 1/2
H.K. Ropes \$	37 1/2
STORES, ETC.	
Dairy Farms (ex rls.) \$	20 1/2
Dairy Farms (rils.) \$	15 1/2
Watsons \$	73 1/2
Lane Crawford's \$	8 1/2
Sinceres \$	180 1/2
Wing On (H.K.) \$	40 1/2
Powell, Ltd. \$	1 1/2

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. \$	18 1/2
Shui Cotton Sh. \$	112 1/2
Zongong Shing \$	30 1/2
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$	40 1/2

MISC.	
H.K. Entertainment \$	55 1/2
Constructions \$	13 1/2
Vib. Piling \$	73 1/2
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	104 1/2
G. Bonds	104 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 3 1/2% prm. b.	104 1/2
H.K. Govt. Loan 3 1/2% par	104 1/2
Marsmans (Lond.) \$	14 1/2
Marsmans (H.K.) \$	42 1/2

U. S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York Cotton	
May	8.92/02
July	8.56/56
Oct.	7.99/09
Dec.	7.80/80
Jan.	7.80/79
Mar.	7.77/76
Spot	8.46 N

New York Rubber	
May	16.15/10
July	16.18/19
Sept.	16.18/19
Dec.	16.24/21
Mar.	16.20/25
Spot	16.17 A

Chicago Wheat	
May	70 3/4/78 1/4
July	74 1/4/74 1/4
Sept.	74 1/4/74 1/4
Dec.	74 1/4/74 1/4
Mar.	74 1/4/74 1/4

Chicago Corn	
May	40 1/2/40 1/2
July	51 1/2/51 1/2
Sept.	51 1/2/51 1/2
Dec.	51 1/2/51 1/2
Mar.	51 1/2/51 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat	
May	66 1/2/66 1/2
July	67 1/2/67 1/2
Oct.	68 1/2/68 1/2

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

The latest expensive whim indulged in by the King of Wurtemberg is the engraving of the moon to ascertain whether it is inhabited. It has negative magnified one hundred thousand-fold, and has thus far discovered the swift currents which flow along the stream make the feat both difficult and dangerous.

Some pretty good swimmers are around Hongkong just now. On Saturday a sailor swam from Kowloon to this side, towing two life-belts in case he got tired, but, as it turned out, unnecessary. And nearly every morning a soldier—an Engineer, we believe—makes a trip the other way before breakfast. The distance is over a mile, but the swift currents which flow along the stream make the feat both difficult and dangerous.

25 YEARS AGO

Reuter's correspondent at Brunswick states that the Kaiser and Kaiserin, with their children, attended the christening of the son of Duke Ernest Augustus and the Kaiser's daughter. The Kaiser, in a speech, said he hoped the young Prince in course of time would work in the Council of German Princes for the greatness of the Fatherland.

Having converted Heligoland into a "German Gibraltar" in the West, super-patriots are now advocating another impenetrable outpost of German might and power in the East—Taishan, port of Kowloon, in China. The scheme is warmly advocated by General von Horn, author of "Germany's Next War," who says Taishan must be converted at once into a fortress which will leave no doubt on the Chinese mind of Germany's paramount military strength. That assured, the General says it will be easy, willing for Germany to compete with England, Japan and America for the "world's greatest trade war," the conquest of the Chinese market.

10 YEARS AGO

Canton witnessed its first experience of an air raid yesterday, and there has been considerable excitement, particularly in Shanghai, which had a full view of the latter part of the engagement. A squadron of planes suddenly swooped down upon the "neutral" gunboats anchored in the Macao Fort, and bombed them heavily, though the aim was very inaccurate. The gunboats replied with rifle-fire, eventually deciding to take refuge, and seeking close to the shore, where they sought the protection of the foreign gunboats, amongst which they anchored. The planes pursued the vessels, dropping bombs at frequent intervals. One dropped on a sampan without exploding, and another missed H.M.S. Moth narrowly. The fall of Canton to the Kwangsi armies is hourly expected. Fighting is taking place on the Samshui Railway, only a few miles from Canton, while General Hsu King-tong's forces are moving rapidly from the East River, and the battle of rifle-fire between Shantung and Tungan, Canton, can be heard in Shanghai.

5 YEARS AGO

An unsuccessful attempt to murder the Governor of Bengal, Sir John Anderson, was made on the racecourse at Lucknow this afternoon. Two Bengalis armed with revolvers, fired on the Governor at close range but fortunately missed. One lady spectator was shot through the ankle but no other casualties occurred. (Sir John Anderson is now Minister for A.R.P.—Ed.)

WHAT IS BRITAIN'S POLICY?

(Continued from Page 6.)

Itself to help reduce any aggressor to a state of impotence.

PEOPLE who have recently dwelt in, or even passed through Russia, have not found it such a terrible country, indeed I am told that there is more freedom there to-day than there is in Germany.

I do not for a moment suggest that Britain should embrace foreign doctrines; that would be too absurd for words. We can maintain our own individuality and still co-operate with those who will stand up for Peace, so why should we not co-operate with Russia in the state of emergency in which we have been forced to-day?

It is no good disguising the facts. There are many disquieting aspects in the conduct of British affairs to-day which many people do not like. The B.B.C. refusal to broadcast the speech by the Duke of Windsor has left an unpleasant taste in the mouth. I still know that the Duke would make the finest Ambassador Britain could have, purely in the sense of a Minister of Peace; and for one moment to visualize the outcome of a chat between the Duke and Stalin. The mutual understanding which would result would, in my opinion, go a long way towards solving Europe's pitiful problem.

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H.K.T. 12-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Les Allen (Vocal). Duo-Hop (Heyman-Lock); Delyae (Gilbert-Nicholls). Primo Scala's Accordion Band; I'll Sing you a Thousand Love Songs (film 'Cain and Mabel'); When Did You Leave Heaven (film 'Sing Baby Sing'); Les Allen (Vocal) with Orchestra; My Heaven in The Pines (Sigler-Good); Meet Me Down in Sunset Valley (Gilbert). Primo Scala's Accordion Band Smilin' Through; Try a Little Tenderness; Love will Find a Way. Les Allen (Vocal) with Sidney Torch at the Organ; Medley, Intro: Lovely lady; The glory of love; Saddle your blues to a Will; Medley; I'm putting all my eggs in one basket; Please believe me; Don't save your smiles. Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

1 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Vivian Ellis at the Piano. "Streamline"—Piano Selection (Ellis); The First Waltz (Ellis); "Top Hat"—Piano Medley (Irving Berlin).

1.15 Reginald Dixon at the Organ. Waltz Selection, Intro: The Desert Song; Deep in my Heart; Dream Lover; Dixon Request Medley, Intro: 1 do like to be beside the Seaside; Blaze Away; Who were you with last night? If you were the only girl in the world; Teddy Bears Picnic; Dinah Down at the Old Bull and Bush; Just a Wee Deoch and Doris; Shute's Lullaby from Lancashire; I do like to be beside the Seaside; "Clown" Gentlemen, Pleasure; Intro: "Hunting we will go; Sally in our Alley; John Peel; Oh dear what can the matter be; Londonderry Air; There's a Tavern in the Town; etc.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Stan Holloway, The Boswell Sisters and Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

Mood Indigo (Ellington); Sentimental Gentleman from Georgia (Parish-Perkins). The Boswell Sisters with Orchestra; Albert Comes Back (Edgar)—Humorous Monologue. Stanley Holloway with Walseley Charles at the Piano; Ev'ry Single Little Tinkle Of My Heart—Fox-Trot; Weather Man—Fox-Trot. Jack Hylton and His Orchestra; Travin' All Alone (Breen, Johnson); The Boswell Sisters with Orchestra; The Ole in The Ark (Edgar). Humorous Monologue. Stanley Holloway with Piano; You Give Me Ideas—Fox-Trot (from "Please Teacher"); Song Of The "Cello"—Fox-Trot (from "Please Teacher"). Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

8 Studio—Children's Hour.

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Russia's Part

WHAT IS the exact significance of the British counter-proposals to Soviet Russia, as revealed in an official communiqué received from "Reuter's" Correspondent in Moscow, and subsequently in Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons.

The proposals appear so astounding that we may be pardoned for wondering whether there has not been a misinterpretation.

It appears that, without granting to Soviet Russia specific reciprocal assurances of aid against Russia's European enemies, Britain desires an assurance from the U.S.S.R. that she will come to the aid of Britain and France if they are attacked.

If that interpretation is correct, and if it is Mr. Chamberlain's last word, it can only mean that the Premier does not want an alliance with the Soviets. No other construction can be placed on a proposition so fore-doomed to failure.

Russia has everything to lose, nothing to gain, by entering such an alliance.

Britain truly is pursuing an amazing course with regard to the Soviet.

It is over a month since Mr. Chamberlain announced that "negotiations were in progress". Each day the evidence mounts that contacts between the two countries have not been as close or as frequent as they should have been.

What is needed is the fullest and frankest exchange of views. That exchange can best be undertaken by a meeting of Foreign Ministers—unless, as "John Blunt" suggests elsewhere on this page, Mr. Chamberlain is prepared to make as dramatic a gesture in the cause of real peace as he was in the cause of appeasement and will arrange for immediate personal contacts with M. Stalin.

Such a meeting at this stage would have immensely important results for the world.

In any event, it is clear that Britain, if the Premier pursues his present policy, is in danger of losing Russia as an ally.

Mr. Chamberlain has himself to thank for the suspicions that have arisen regarding Britain's intent. There is a deep, understandable, and on its past record of pandering to the Totalitarians, absolutely justifiable suspicion of the real intentions of the Government and its real attitude to Russia. Who can blame Russia for sharing that suspicion?

Kind words won't remove it. There has got to be action if Britain is not to find herself again outmanoeuvred by the Totalitarians.

Abyssinia, Spain, Austria, the Sudetenland, Bohemia and Moravia, Memelland. They have all been victory for the dictators, defeat for democracy. If we lose the diplomatic war that is in progress throughout Europe, there are going to be others.

NEWS-MAP OF THE WEEK

Commentator: Emrys Jones

Baltic Query Mark

HITLER'S plan to make restored Memel a Nazi naval base, designed to bottle up the Soviet Fleet, casts a shadow over the Baltic, increases the nerves in the countries surrounding that sea.

Look at the Baltic Sea, look at its shape to start with, and note that here is the place for a great naval dog-fight if ever there was one.

From our point of view the key to the Baltic, of course, lies in the North Sea. First, Heligoland, that famous island we swapped with Germany, is, so the House of Commons was told now highly fortified.

Moving from west to east, consider the strategic points of the Baltic: consider them, for, with Nazi dominance in the Baltic, the Scandinavian countries, as well as Latvia and Estonia, can begin wondering how long they can maintain their traditional neutrality.

So, from Heligoland, go through the Kiel Canal. There Hitler's men are deepening the canal, building higher the bridges, so that the German Fleet can move easily into the North Sea.

You may take it, in the event of war, that Heligoland and Kiel will not be the only defences of Germany.

The west coast of Denmark, the coast that faces England, is also fortified, and the chances are that in war time the Germans would overrun that country to get hold of the fortifications.

Only Way Out

NOW look at that narrow channel, called the Sound, that separates Denmark and Sweden. There, naval commanders are up against a different proposition, for the Swedes, for some time now, have been proving themselves tough against Nazi advances.

Indeed, if the Swedes had their way they might form a Scandinavian bloc against Germany.

Yet, if Kiel were bombed—and you have to destroy only one lock to wreck a canal—this narrow channel, the Sound, between Denmark and Sweden is the only way out of the Baltic, and ships in it are at the mercy of guns and bombs on the Swedish coast.

Under the pressure of the events of 1939, Danish Prime Minister Stauning had to confirm that he had talks in Stockholm on the question of erecting strong fortifications on both sides of the three-miles wide Sound.

Still going east, the next point is Memel, now Hitler's. In that natural harbour he plans to make a new Heligoland, and from there he hopes to be able to bottle up the Soviet Fleet in the Eastern Baltic. However, naval bases are not built in a day.

Watch These Islands

LOOK north from Memel to the middle of the entrance to the Gulf of Bothnia. Here is one of the most exciting spots in the Baltic.

Situated between Sweden and Finland the islands, by a convention of 1921, were declared neutral and demilitarized.

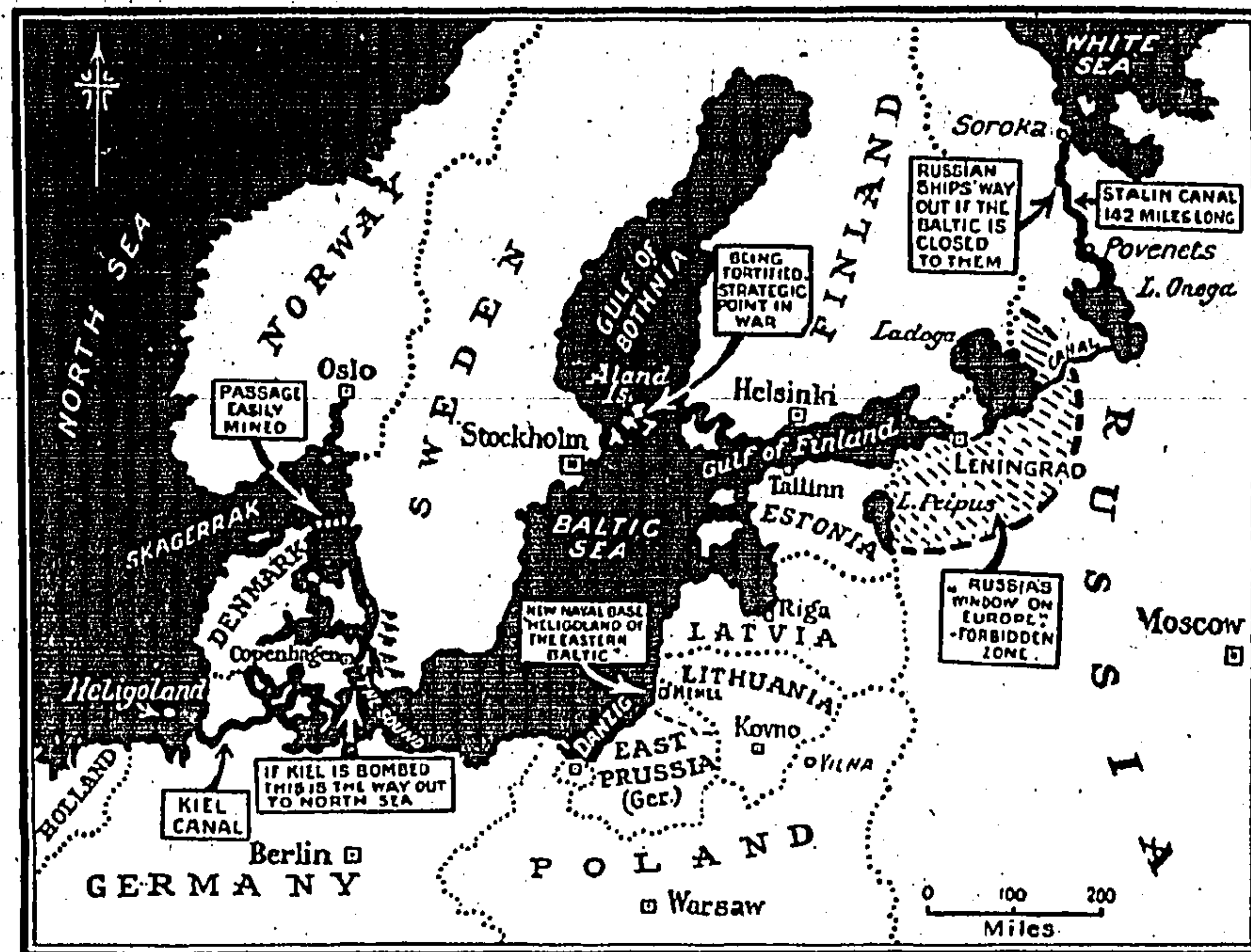
Now these islands are of first-class strategic importance in the Baltic. Long before the September crisis it was held that if Germany and Russia went to war it would be a race between the two countries for the possession of the Aland Islands.

In the first weeks of January this year, the Finns and Swedes agreed to a remilitarisation of the islands, military service for the islanders; and now that becomes more necessary than ever as Hitler plans a new Heligoland at Memel.

Meanwhile, on their side facing the Aland Islands, the Swedes are said to be busily fortifying, so that if some Power (probably Russia or Germany) ever captured the islands the Swedes will have a second line of protection as the bombers fly over to Stockholm.

Stalin Canal

NOW Hitler's creation of Memel will not succeed in bottling up the Soviet Fleet in the Baltic. True, Russia is the Baltic has only a small window looking



Dr. F. W. NORWOOD:

"Why I am leaving England"

ONE of England's most famous preachers has just sailed with his wife for Canada to start a new job.

What makes a man set out at 63 on such a venture? What will be his thoughts as he leans over the boat rail, and England, his family, and his friends slip out of sight? Let's have a look at the man and his job, and maybe we shall see.

The man is Frederick William Norwood (Dr. Norwood, of the City Temple). The job he is going to is a big one—the pastorate of a church in Vancouver with a congregation of 1,700.

Dr. Norwood talked to me as he waited for his grown-up children to come to a last family party. He told me why he was leaving England.

It was one of the most remarkable interviews I have ever had, for Dr. Norwood is a realist. He hates false sentiment.

"I've been called a roamer; a gypsy, a man who can't keep still," he said with a quizzical smile. "But that isn't true. Remember, I've been preaching in England for 22 years, and that's a mighty long time."

"In my holidays I have travelled a lot because I like breathing fresh ground. Now I'm starting out for Canada and I feel sure that to give any young man who is about to start a new job, I love Canada, and no doubt I'll settle there."

HIS voice warmed; the years seemed to slip away. "It will be a grand job. They have been trying for a long time to get me to go. I've put it off because of the crisis. I thought I should be here if war did come."

"Last September we sailed back from America. We thought we were sailing into war. Now—well, you can't hold up your life for ever, and I decided to go."

"You see, I've been a long time in England, and after 17 years at the City Temple I determined to give myself time to go campaigning up and down Great Britain; evangelical work."

"It's been a great experience for me, but in a way it's been disappointing. So much confusion in people's minds; a few with any real outlook. The pressure of economic and political forces has been so great that it has driven thoughts of religion out."

But the Soviet has built a canal joining up the Baltic to the White Sea, so that the Soviet Fleet, if the worst comes to the worst, can leave the Baltic and get into the free oceans by way of the White Sea.

Completed in 1934, the Stalin Canal as they call it, is 142 miles long, compared with the Suez, which is 192 miles, and the Panama 50.

It was built primarily to ship lumber from the northern regions to make the passage 5½ days instead of the 17 round Scandinavia. But now, with Hitler's bid for dominance in the Baltic, the canal assumes an immense strategic importance.

WHAT IS BRITAIN'S POLICY?

asks
JOHN BLUNT

IT IS becoming increasingly apparent—if the opinion of "the man in the street" is to be taken into account—that the British Government's handling of the events of to-day, especially as far as Russia is concerned, is causing quite a lot of criticism.

That the problems which have confronted the Government during the last twelve months have been tremendous, none will deny; but the feeling is steadily growing that the time for vacillation has long past, and that a strong and courageous leader is of vital importance in order to maintain the confidence of the people.

The unsatisfactory delay in coming to an understanding with Russia causes some apprehension. It is true that there was a time when Russia was considered to be the bad boy of the world, but it is equally true that for some years now, Russia has practically ceased to meddle with other people's affairs.

It stands to reason that the Powers who have professed the desire to maintain Peace at all costs and who are undoubtedly sincere in their aim, cannot afford to leave Russia out of such a collective front.

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IF, INSTEAD of all the parleying between the two Powers, Mr. Chamberlain had taken it upon himself to visit Moscow, and there have discussed in a friendly spirit the doubts and hopes he held as to Russia's sincerity and desire for Peace, the suspicions which obviously obtain at the moment, might well have been dissipated weeks ago.

After all, if he could visit Hitler, why not pay the same courtesy to the Dictator of Russia? I for one feel that he would not have made his visit in vain, and that the Peace front would have been tremendously strengthened.

There is, a perhaps not unnatural feeling, that Russia's past is Russia's present, and that the hesitancy which has been displayed by Britain of recent months, is due to the fear of the price which would be expected in repayment of Russian co-operation.

That aspect has, I feel convinced, been grossly exaggerated. Whatever may be Russia's internal policy, we have within the last few years shown eagerness to conclude trade agreements with her. If she is sufficiently honourable to enter into trade pacts with, surely we can take a chance that she will keep her word in helping to avoid war.

After all, we are not asking Russia to go to war with any nation. All we require is her assurance that should any other nation commence a war of aggression, she will instantly join those who are determined to check and punish those responsible.

In any case, there is precious little to choose between Nazism and Communism, but there is every reason why we should join hands to-day with any "ism" which pledges

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Brazil

Revolution Plot: Many Arrested

Quito, May 10. Officials said that those arrested include several high army officers, professional men who had planned an assault on Quito barracks to overthrow the Government.

The very reliable Fests claimed that the movement was justified in the view that Senor Mosquera Narvaez had planned to sell the Galapagos Islands and divide the proceeds among himself and his friends.

Trials will be started very soon. The movement is described as purely local and other provinces are tranquil.—United Press.

DEFENCE TREATY

Washington, May 9. The War Department has announced that the Army Chief of Staff, General George Marshall, will have an official party will sail for Brazil on the USS Nashville on May 10. It is rumoured that General Marshall will carry a secret message from President Roosevelt to the political and military heads of Brazil, possibly relating to an informal defence agreement.—United Press.

New Zealand To Establish Price Control

Wellington, May 10. In view of protecting the public from exploitation, price control is to be established in New Zealand.

Mr. Sullivan, Minister for Industry and Commerce, is announcing the Government's plans, which follow in position of stringent import and currency restrictions.

He said that the Government proposed to establish a tribunal to exercise continuous supervision on prices and to examine increases and investigate whether prices are reasonable. Persons intending to increase prices have to notify the Government in writing. The Government is not aiming at prevention of justifiable increases, but will not allow the public to be exploited.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Savage, announced the establishment of a Royal Commission to investigate the sheep farming industry, which is seeking relief owing to increasing costs and falling prices.—Reuter.

Landon And Methodist Pacifists

Kansas City, May 9. The United Methodist Conference adopted a social creed after an attempt by delegate Air Landon, former Governor of the State, to return to the committee the section "claiming exemption from all forms of military service for conscientious objectors," over which there was a most heated debate.

At one point, Mr. Landon rushed to the platform his face flushed with anger, seized the public address microphone, and shouted his objection to the "cowardly remark made by a fellow delegate."

Mr. Landon desired to send the resolution to the committee to which another resolution presented by Chester Clark of New York was referred, asking Congress to forbid the sale of munitions to Japan. Landon said, "If we adopt both of these resolutions, we put ourselves in the position of interfering with the delicate foreign relations of this country, then refusing the responsibility. When we ask for exemption after taking this unfriendly stand toward the Japanese, we start a fight that we are unwilling to finish ourselves."—United Press.

CHOPPER ATTACK

Man Attacked By Armed Gang

Attacked by a number of men in Bridges Street about 4 p.m. yesterday, Chan Pul, residing at Stanton Street, was later admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital with chopper wounds on the arm and head. Chan is in a critical condition, his wrist almost severed and weak from loss of blood.

A number of arrests were made by the Police later. The men concerned are alleged to be members of a Triad Society.

ANOTHER ATTACK

Another chopper attack occurred in Austin Road, Kowloon, last night, when Ng Wah-sing, 30, Shanghai carpenter, received injuries to the head. He was sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment. A man is said to have gone to the Yau-mat Police station later and reported having attacked Ng.

Soviet Talks

PREMIER EXPLAINS TO HOUSE

Misunderstanding In Moscow

London, May 11. A crowded House of Commons heard the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, make an eagerly awaited statement on the progress in the Anglo-Soviet negotiations this afternoon.

At the outset Mr. Chamberlain referred to a statement issued in Moscow regarding the British Government's proposals, and said it was based upon a misunderstanding of the suggestions actually put forward. Conversations are still in progress and the House, therefore, would not expect him to discuss those matters. He thought it right, in view of the Moscow statement, to place the House in possession of the general line on which the conversations were being made in respect of certain Eastern European states in pursuance of their declared policy of assisting those states to resist any attempt, if such were made, to threaten their independence.

The Government understood those obligations without inviting the Soviet Government to participate directly in them in view of certain difficulties to which any such suggestion would inevitably give rise.

The Government accordingly suggested to the Soviet Government that they should make, on their own behalf, a declaration of a similar effect to that already made by the British Government, in the sense that in the event of Britain and France being involved in hostilities, the Soviet Government on their side would express their readiness also to lend assistance if desired.

"Such a declaration, if the Soviet Government feels able to give assistance to the British Government, would be in accord with the recent pronouncement of Mr. Stalin that it is the policy of the Soviet Union to support those countries which might be the victims of aggression, and which are prepared to defend their own independence," said the Premier.

Mr. Chamberlain said that almost simultaneously the Soviet Government had suggested a scheme at once more comprehensive and more rigid, and whatever other advantages it might present, it must, in the view of the British Government, inevitably raise the very difficulties which their own proposals had been designed to avoid.

The Government accordingly pointed out to the Soviet the existence of these difficulties. At the same time they made certain modifications in their original proposal. Particularly they made it plain that it was no part of their intention that the Soviet Government should commit themselves to intervene irrespective of whether Britain and France had already, in the discharge of their obligations, done so. The British Government added that if the Soviet wished to make its own intervention conditional on the action of Britain and France, the British Government, for their part, would have no objection.

Lord Halifax yesterday saw Mr. Malsky, who explained to him the Soviet Government's position, not clear whether under the proposal of the British Government, circumstances might not arise in which the Soviet would be committed to intervention unsupported by the British or French. Lord Halifax assured Mr. Malsky that this was definitely not the intention of the proposal made by the British Government, and that if there was any room for doubt on this point Lord Halifax anticipated it could, without difficulty, be removed.

He accordingly invited Mr. Malsky to place the British Government in possession of the precise grounds on which those doubts were based, if they still existed, and this Mr. Malsky had readily agreed to do. Mr. Chamberlain added that the British Ambassador in Moscow had an interview two days ago with Mr. Molotov, at the conclusion of which Mr. Molotov had promised that the Soviet Government would give careful consideration to the British proposals, and the reply is now awaited.—Reuter.

BUS STOP INCIDENT

Pick Pocket Caught In Act by School Teacher

Ng Wah, 28, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of attempted larceny. Mr. S. Aras, school teacher and Police Reservist, testified that he was boarding a bus near the Alhambra Theatre on May 4 when he felt a hand touching his hip pocket, in which was \$18. He immediately put his own on the pocket, and on turning around he saw defendant withdrawing a hand from it. Defendant was then arrested.

Referring to Mr. M. A. da Silva, who represented the defendant, Mr. Aras agreed that there were many people in the street at that time but denied that it was a case of mistaken identity. Defendant had a previous conviction.

HANDBAGS STOLEN

Three handbags and jewellery to a total value of \$93 have been stolen from the house of Mr. H. A. Wickerson at Brown Circuit, Wanchai. COAT TAKEN FROM ROOF. Mrs. W. L. Cunningham, of Fort Street, reports that between 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, a thief stole a fur-lined coat valued at \$50 from the roof of her house.

Iron for Japan

Hanoi, May 10. The Government of French Indo-China on Tuesday notified the Japanese Consulate-General that permission has been granted for the export of 10,000 tons of iron ores from French Indo-China to Japan. As the new Franco-Japanese trade agreement comes into force to-day, it is believed likely that the embargo will gradually be removed. The French authorities announced that the matter was still under careful consideration by the Government.—Domel.

British Recruiting Record

London, May 10. Recruiting for the regular army for April beat all post-war records, 3,542 men being accepted. This was 623 above April last year.

Last week's intake was 1,812 and was a record for any week after the war period.

In the event of an outbreak of war, or probability of war, the Law Courts will be moved to places outside London.

The Lord Chancellor has presented a Bill to the House of Lords, the text of which was issued to-day, making this change possible.

The Bill which will only be applied to England and Wales, will only come into operation if it appears expedient "having regard to outbreak or probability of war." Its operation can be terminated by an Order in Council.—Reuter Special.

BELGIUM PREPARES

Brussels, May 10. Before the Belgian Defence Council, the Belgian War Minister, M. Denis, states that details for organising the country's air raid protection had been made.

He announced that of a total air defence credit of 600,000,000 francs, 340,000,000 francs would be used for purchase of barrage balloons, anti-aircraft guns, 170,000,000 francs for planes, and 80,000,000 francs would be for passive air protection.

The air defence service would be done by territorial troops, who will have to undergo eight months' training with the regular forces.

Simultaneously the official Belgian Gazette announced the impending creation of special departments for food supplies and assistance of civilians in the event of mobilisation. Both these departments are to be under the Belgian Minister of Economy.—Trans-Ocean.

A. R. P. AND WOMEN

Berlin, May 10. Field Marshal Goering, Air Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the German Air Force, issued an appeal to-day to all German women to place themselves at the disposal of the German air raid protection organisation. May 12 has been fixed as the "Day of Women in Air Raid Protection." On this day German women will have to prove their readiness for air raid protection service.—United Press.

Canton To The Rescue Of Blazing Ship

Colombo, May 10. The Danish motor vessel Alsia is a burning wreck and has grounded off Galle Beach. The fire broke out in the engine room last night, while the passengers were dining.

All efforts to put out the blaze failed and the cargo was lost. The P. and O. liner Canton dashed to the rescue in response to an S.O.S. Lloyds' representative reports that the passengers and some of the crew of the Alsia "arrived this morning by the British steamer Canton. The Captain and remainder of the crew are standing by the Alsia, which passing vessels report to be 'ablaze all over'."

"The remainder of the Alsia's crew, including the Captain," continues Lloyds' message, "have been transferred from H.M.S. Grasshopper, in which they were standing by, to the Galle pilot boat. The Grasshopper is proceeding and the Government tug Sinhabahu has left for the scene."—Reuter.

The Canton is on her way Home from Hongkong and has many local residents aboard.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS

Eight Cases Figure On Month's Calendar

Following are the cases to be tried at the Criminal Sessions commencing on Wednesday: Lok Siu-wai and Lok Kwai-ming, robbery with violence; Chan Tai and Lo Kiu, possession of dangerous drugs; Lau Fung-hing, possession of dangerous drugs; Ho Ho, Tam Ning, Hui Po and Wong Tak, possession of dangerous drugs; Chan Ho-yiu, robbery by two or more; Chiu Siu-yeung, Chan Fong and Wong Yau, robbery by two or more; Leung Ning, assault with intent to rob; Chan Sing, Wan Kam-chuen, Chan Sum, Ho Kiu-yuen and Lau Chung, breach of the deportation order.

Appeal By Chungking Americans

Chungking, May 10. Americans at Chungking have called to President Roosevelt, Mr. Cordell Hull, Senator Key Pittman and Representative McReynolds as follows:

"Chungking Americans are aghast at the mass murder and destruction of the recent raids here. The unspeakable tragedy and suffering will only increase China's determination to resist, which is heroic and unshaken. We protest at the so-called neutrality, which permits the sale of gas, oil, metals, cotton and machinery, which for 22 months has made the United States a party to Japan's inhuman crimes.

"We appeal in God's name for immediate action in placing an embargo on traffic of all commodities used by the aggressors in waging war."

The cable is signed by George Fitch, prominent New Yorker, who has lived for years in China. Mr. Fitch is a former director of the Y.M.C.A. and is now engaged in relief activities.—United Press.

RAID CASUALTIES

Chungking, May 10. An official list of victims of air raids in Chungking indicated that 1,030 persons were killed and 1,700 injured.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW REGULATIONS

Chungking, May 10. The Executive Yuan has passed a resolution accepting the regulations drawn up for Chungking's evacuation and reconstruction and the committee of government activities of residents of the city "during the critical time of the past bombings and possible future air raids."

All residents who are not required for business in the city, especially women and children, the aged and sick, will be compulsorily evacuated.

Foreign residents and diplomats and correspondents can secure certificates from the Foreign Office, and all certificates will be good for only six months.

Temporary passes in and out of the city are good for two weeks. However these can be exchanged for permanent resident certificates on proof of the necessity to remain.—United Press.

CONDITIONS AT PRESENT

Chungking, May 10. The United States Embassy made effective to-day a plan by which all Americans living in Chungking will report to one of five centres all over the city immediately following an air raid, in order to inform the Embassy if American property has been lost and any Americans injured or killed.

The British Consulate has moved from the far shore of the Yangtze back to inside the walled city, after a few days spent on the south shore. The British Consulate informed Britons in Chungking of the desirability that they move from the city across the river or go into the hills, and many of them, mostly women and children, have complied.

Meanwhile the French Consulate has moved to its old quarters, despite the fact that it was hit during the last raid. Consulate members say that they have an adequate bombproof dug-out, so there is no reason why they should move.

Although it is a week since the raid, workers are still seeking to uncover bodies still buried in the debris. The Government has offered five Chinese dollars for every body recovered from the ruins.—United Press.

ON CROWN LAND

Taikoktsui Squatters Appear in Court

Mr. S. H. Peplow, Senior Land Bailiff of the Public Works Department, was the complainant in three cases heard by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Chan Kwong of Taikoktsui was summoned for continuing to occupy and maintain a structure on Crown Land, the permit having been cancelled.

Mr. Peplow said that the permit was first given for storing timber and building materials, but it was found that the structure was used for domestic purposes and for glass blowing; the latter practice was dangerous because of the presence of timber. The structure was visited yesterday morning and it was being used as a blacksmith's shop.

Defendant said that his sub-tenants were responsible. Mr. Peplow pointed out that defendant had no right to sub-let. Mr. Macfadyen adjourned the case for a week for the structure to be demolished.

Tang Chan-shi, woman, also of Taikoktsui, was summoned for a similar offence. Mr. Peplow said the structure she was allowed was for storing furniture, but it had been converted for domestic purposes, the making of electric light bulbs and glass blowing. The glass blowing furnace had also been moved away, and coal clogs were now being made. If defendant made an application she might get a permit for making coal clogs.

Mr. Peplow said: "There seems to be a lot of industry in glass blowing now." Mr. Macfadyen adjourned the summons for a week for defendant to apply for a permit.

Lau Shing of Lee Yuen Loong, Tai Koi Tai, who was summoned for occupying Crown Land without a permit was said to have stored timber on Crown Land. The summons was adjourned for a week for the timber to be removed.

Nottingham Fire

Nottingham, May 10. A serious fire to-day destroyed the huge army ordnance building containing numerous motor vehicles, tyres and other equipment. Fire brigades were rushed from Derby, Repton and Long Eaton to assist the Nottingham brigade as the flames spread to the railway, accompanied by explosions of tyres and petrol tanks. The building was a munitions factory during the great war.—United Press.

Undermining Shanghai's Finance

Chungking, May 10. In an interview a spokesman of the Ministry of Finance declared that the National Government is adopting appropriate measures against the Japanese attempt to undermine China's financial system in Shanghai. The spokesman said that after their failure in North China, the Japanese are now making a similar attempt in Central China by forming the "Hua Hsing Commercial Bank."

Though the Japanese claim that the capital of the new commercial bank in Shanghai is borne in equal portions by Japanese banks and the puppet government in Central China, the people would never accept notes issued by it unless under coercion. They know the facts too well to be deceived. The Japanese attempt is therefore doomed to failure.

He scoffed at the idea that foreign banks may accept notes or deposits of the new bogus bank, or have other transactions with it. He explained that for their own as well as for public interests foreign banks will have to continue to support the Chinese currency.

The spokesman believed that foreign circles concerned will take appropriate measures to protect their own interests and the foreign government concerned will lodge strong protests with the Japanese.—Central News.

HOPEI BANK NOTES

Peiping, May 10. With the two-months term following enforcement of the ban on the circulation of old notes on March 10 expiring on May 10, the Provisional Government prohibits as from May 11 the exchange of the notes of the Hopei Provincial and the East Hopei Banks for those of the Federal Reserve Bank in the so-called Federal Reserve Zones in North China.

Upon enforcement of the new currency measures, the Provisional Government announced that the notes of the two local banks would be exchanged at par value for the Federal Reserve notes for a period of two months.—Domel.

BANK NOT OPEN

Shanghai, May 10. The Hua Hsing Bank failed to open for business to-day as expected. It is believed that it may open on May 17. The note issue has not yet begun.—Reuter.

JARDINE STEAMER HELD UP

Shanghai, May 10. The Jardine steamer Tung Wo arrived in Shanghai at 1 p.m. after having been forced by a Japanese destroyer to unload a cargo of 500 pigs which had been taken aboard at Hsingkong in the Yangtze delta. The Master of the Tung Wo at first refused to comply with the Japanese order, but later did so when threats were made against the safety of the ship's Chinese agents at Hsingkong, where the through shipment of pigs had been arranged.

H.M.S. Scorpion reached the scene in response to a call for help and investigated the affair. The British Naval authorities in Shanghai are making inquiries and it is believed that a strong protest will be lodged with the Japanese authorities.—Reuter.

FOREIGN STEAMERS

British Ship Held By Japanese In Fukuken

A British vessel, the steamer Lilita, was seized by the Japanese Navy off Foochow on April 27, says the N. C. D. News. Asked by a correspondent why the vessel was being detained, the naval spokesman at a Shanghai press conference admitted the detention, but stated that he had only brief information.

The Tienbin, registered with the Italian authorities, was boarded by Japanese on Wednesday night, while tied up at Buoy 23 and 24 in the Whangpoo. Investigations into her status are proceeding, but, according to the spokesman, passengers were allowed to go ashore and cargo is being released.

Hair Cut With Hat On

Butte, Mont. The following story was "kept under the hat" for several days by both parties concerned. A customer with a betting complex entered a barber shop and said: "I bet you \$5 you can't cut my hair while I am wearing my hat." The barber took the bet, and cut the man's hair so satisfactorily that the wager was paid.



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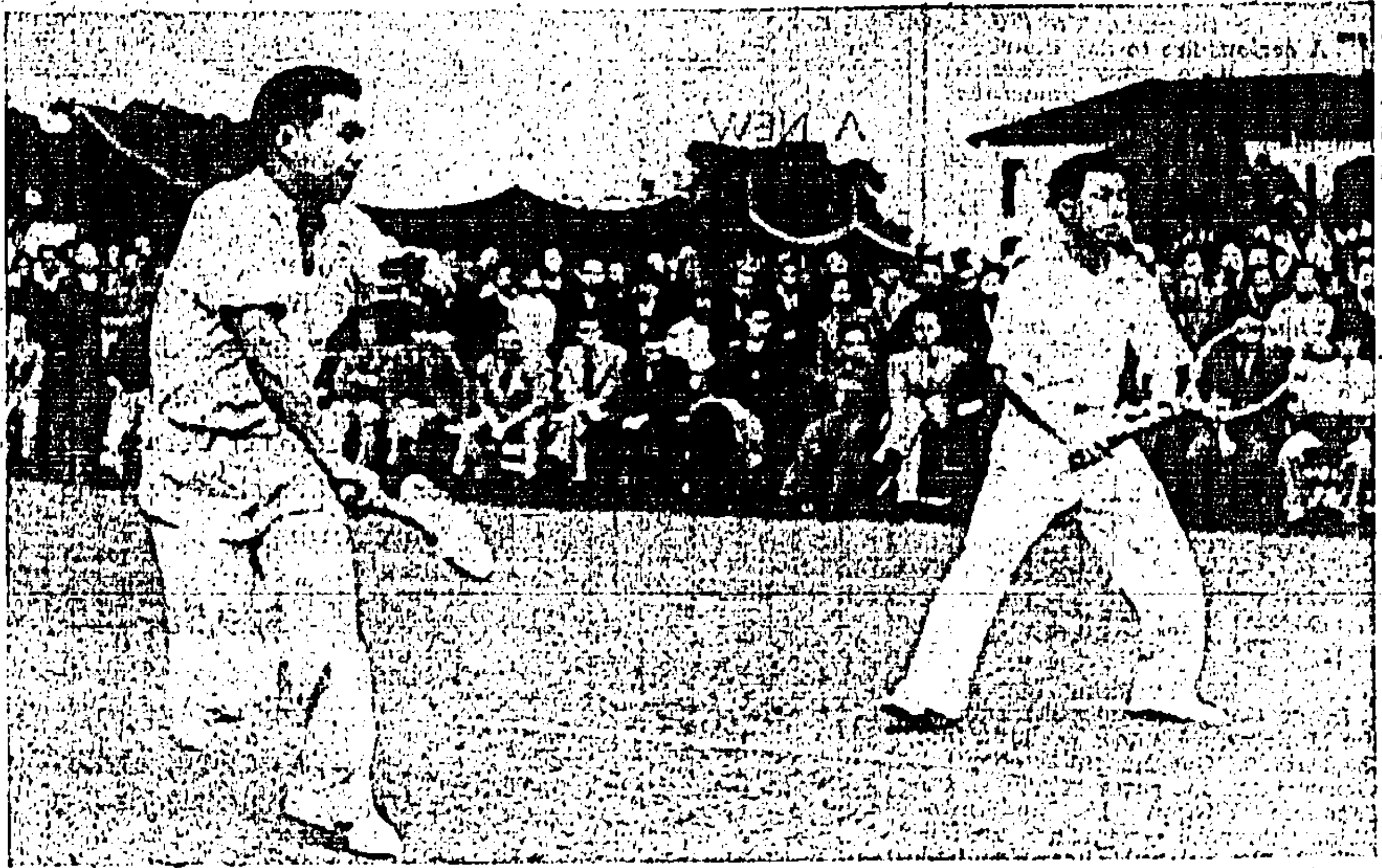
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CHAMPIONS RETAIN CROWN



Tsui Wai-pui (left) and Tsui Yun-pui won the Colony doubles title for the third time at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday afternoon when they defeated their club-mates, Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing, by three sets to one in the final. Though the champions were obviously the better pair, Ho and Lee at times played well enough to make yesterday's tennis entertaining to watch.—Staff Photographer.

TSUI BROTHERS OUTPLAY LEE AND HO IN DOUBLES FINAL

To Show Retrieving Power Losers Given Few Chances

(By "Abe")

Given fewer opportunities to make use of their wonderful retrieving qualities than in their recent matches, Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing, the "giant-killers" of the 1939 Colony tennis championships, were able to win only one set from the Tsui brothers in the doubles final on the stand court yesterday. This they fully deserved although in the other three sets they were completely outplayed.

That the Tsui brothers won was only to be expected, but in the manner of their doing so they showed that when the mood takes them they can be devastating against local combinations. In yesterday's match, for instance, they made many difficult shots look simple, and at times they placed the ball in such a manner as to give their opponents no chance whatsoever of even reaching them, let alone retrieving.

The best parts of the match were when Ho and Lee were playing well. Then the best rallies of the game were seen, and the honours did not always go to the Tsuis. At did not always go to the Tsuis. At the net, the challengers distinguished themselves, volleying and sometimes smashing with great skill, but their ground strokes were far behind those of the champions, both of whom played some lovely drives.

In their previous games, Ho and Lee were prominent with splendid retrieving. Yesterday they found on the other side of the net a pair who varied their returns so often and placed their shots so accurately that

it was difficult to anticipate them. On several occasions when they expected a full-blooded smash and positioned themselves just outside the base-line for it they found the ball coming slowly over the net and were yards too late to retrieve. At other times, the angle of the Tsui's shots proved too acute and they were left standing.

WORTH THE MONEY
Because the brothers were so superior for the most part, the match was not as satisfying as a more even contest might have been; yet as a spectacle of good tennis, the good bits provided sufficient measure for the spectators' money.

Though outplayed and apparently realising it, Ho and Lee were always striving, however, and if their defence was often pierced by the immaculate placements of their opponents, they retaliated frequently with success, taking advantage of some poor lobs by the brothers to reduce the arrears.

On the whole, Ho and Lee probably played as well as they did against the Rumjahn cousins or Duff

SHANGHAI SQUASH CHAMPIONS

Shanghai, May 6.
L. H. Wade defeated E. J. Cumine by 9-7, 10-6, 5-0, 9-5 in the senior squash racket championship of Shanghai last night at the Race Club courts the winner being slightly more in the picture than his opponent, although the run of the games saw Cumine pushing play but being unable to fire out his opponent who replied with equally good shots and who was eventually able to run to match point in grand style.

In the junior championship, which took place immediately after the senior had been completed, T. E. Baker defeated G. Beckerman by 9-6, 9-4, 10-9, the last and deciding game being a thrilling affair in which Baker led by 8-0, and could not put the game away. He had match point in hand on no less than six occasions but could not score a point whereas his opponent came up from nil to take the lead at 8-8; again Baker rallied to equalise the score at 9-9, going on to win the crucial point at 10-9.

and Pearce; only this time they found they were up against a pair who showed no weakness at all.

Starting the match with confidence, Ho and Lee won the first three games before the champions were able to "settle down," but once this had been accomplished the latter collected the next eight games in a row, thereby taking the set in the ninth game and establishing a lead of 2-0 in the second. This lead later became 4-3, at which stage the challengers hoisted up some deep lobs which caused the Tsui brothers to make a succession of errors in their anxiety to put them away. Though 4-5 was called, the champions took the next two games for the set.

GAMES WITH SERVICE
The third set saw games go with service until 6-6 was called. Ho won his to retain the lead at 7-6 and then they broke through the younger Tsui's service to take the set after losing two set points in their favour.

In the fourth set the Tsuis tightened up their game once again, and after 2-2 had been reached they won the next four games for the set after Ho and Lee had saved two match points.

His Honour Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell umpired the match. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, attended by his Private Secretary, Mr. G. Trevorton, (Continued on Page 9.)

STANDARD OF PLAY SHOWS A DEFINITE IMPROVEMENT

No More Notes Until Next Winter

As the local hockey season is now officially ended, "The Pilgrim," our hockey correspondent, will write no more notes until next winter.

Davis Cup

BRITAIN BEGINS QUEST

Four Young Players As Representatives To Meet N. Zealand

Great Britain will commence her 1939 Davis Cup challenge to-day at Brighton, when she meets New Zealand. The match will continue tomorrow and conclude on Saturday.

The Lawn Tennis Association selectors last week picked Charles Hare, Laurence Shaff, Ronald Shays, and Frank Wilde to represent Britain.

Although Hare, Shays and Wilde have represented Britain in past Davis Cup series, Shaff will be making his Davis Cup debut.

Frederick Stowe was elected as the non-playing captain of the team and this selection caused some surprise. He was picked to replace the 65-year-old Herbert Roper Barrett, who for many years was non-playing skipper of the British team.

Barrett is an interesting character and has been made the butt of many humorous articles in the foreign press because he frequently sits on the tennis courts under the umpire's chair dressed in a morning coat and top-hat despite a blazing sun.

LEFT-HANDED STAR
Hare is the leading player of the four. Born in London July 16, 1915, he is tall, athletically built, fair and left-handed. Identified as a Birmingham player because he has lived there most of his life, he is known as the successor of Fred Perry and "Bunny" Austin.

He has a cannon-ball service and a powerful forehand drive with which he frequently scores clean passing shots. He covers ground well although he appears to have a cumbersome gait. He first gained prominence by winning the British junior championship in 1931. He has won a number of major European singles and doubles titles and gave Donald Budge a terrific fight in the first set in the Davis Cup challenge round in 1937.

Last year he withdrew from Davis Cup play because he had to return to the United States upon the death of his American employer. He was asked to play after Clarence Jones was dropped from the British team.

Tall, dark and powerfully built, Shays is 26 years of age. He has a style something like Fred Perry's and concentrates on attacking strokes. He has a powerful service and good volleys.

DOUBLES EXPERT
Born on March 19, 1911, Wilde is probably the best known of the four men chosen to represent Britain. He won the British junior singles, doubles and mixed doubles championships in 1928. Later he reached the final and semi-final rounds at Wimbledon in the open championships.

Of medium height, he is heavily built and has a useful service and volley. He is particularly good as a doubles player.

Shaff, the newcomer, is tallish, dark and good-looking. He is 26 years of age and has terrific speed and a touch of Jean Borotra in some of his tricks. He has played in the

Past Season's Hockey Under Review By "The Pilgrim"

With the victory of the Civilians over the Services last Sunday, the 1938-39 season of the Hongkong Hockey Association came to an end. It has been a very successful season and the standard of play generally has shown encouraging improvement, notably in the new tournament promoted by the H.K.H.A. which proved very popular.

On the whole, the games were extremely keen and interesting. Several matches produced exceptionally fine hockey, the value of the tournament being reflected in such games. This event was won by the Radio and Postal Sports Club, and very worthy winners they were too as they went through the tournament without a defeat.

The Interport resulted in a draw with Macao and the new Six-A-Side Tournament was won by the 8th Destroyer Flotilla. The innovation proved very popular with players in the Colony. There is little doubt that this type of game has now gained a permanent place here.

To England go the honours of winning the International Tournament. No one will deny that the Englishmen had the best balanced team both in defence and attack.

Since hockey and football were abolished, what has been chiefly noticeable this season was a cleaner and more scientific type of play. It has meant definite progress towards better hockey, and in comparison to a year ago, the game now is much faster and cleverer.

LADIES DO WELL
The ladies, too, enjoyed a very good season which included their brilliant Interport victory over Shanghai. The Seven-A-Side Tournament, won by St. Andrew's in the senior section and by the Hongkong Ladies in the junior, as usual was well-supported, and the winners in the League were "Y" Ladies (Clerk Club) and Club de Recreio Ladies (Hawa Club).

The Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Association this season, for some unknown reason, failed to stage the Winners v. Rest games which proved so popular in the past. These games were generally played to wind up the season. The games were omitted probably because of general lack of interest which prevailed after the Interport was won. This was a great pity.

SCHOOLBOYS IMPROVE
I was very impressed with the improvement of the Combined Schoolboys' team this winter. Among the young players worthy of mention are G. Singh (Q.C.), K. Singh (St. Joseph's), D. Gray (D.B.S.), W. Pryde (C.B.S.), R. Chang (D.B.S.), K. Mohamed (Q.C.) and E. Mendonca (Q.C.) and R. Castro, P. Rull and A. P. Silva (La Salle).

These youngsters have speed, good stickwork and play remarkably fine hockey. Should they keep it up, I would go so far as to say that they have the makings of future Interporters.

If the H.K.H.A. run a Junior Division in their tournament next season, my advice to the schoolboys is to join up without fail. I am a strong advocate of all schools running at least two separate games in the winter. If they have grounds good enough, one of these games should certainly be hockey.

Hockey is now a universal game United States and is a close friend of Paul Lukas, the film star.

NEW ZEALAND TEAM
Four players have also been selected to represent New Zealand in the Davis Cup match against Great Britain. They are C. E. Maltroy, D. Coombe, D. Brown and V. Edwards.

Of the four, Maltroy is the only one with previous experience in the International competition.

New President Of Football League

London, May 2.
Mr. W. C. Cuff, Chairman of the Everton Football Club, becomes the new President of the Football League, in succession to the late Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe. Mr. Cuff was the only nominee when the list closed to-day.—*Reuter*.

SAMUEL DECLINES EXHIBITION

London, Apr. 24.
A. S. Samuel, the Selangor badminton player, left London to-day and will embark on the s.s. *Arundel* at Marseilles on April 29 en route for Singapore. During his six months' stay in Europe he won the French and Irish badminton titles, was runner-up in the Welsh Championship, and semi-finalist in the English, Scottish and Danish Championships. He also won the West of England, Sussex, Leicester, Nottingham, Kent, and West Sussex county titles.

"I have enjoyed my tour very much," he told a Press representative, "but I am glad to be getting back to warm weather."

Samuel said he had declined an invitation to play an exhibition match in Singapore on the day he arrives as he felt he would not be able to do himself justice.

"I shall not have played for five weeks," he said, "and, in addition, I shall have to re-acustom myself to Malayan playing conditions. I have offered to go to Singapore after I have been home about two months and to play anybody they want me to."

ROYAL H.K.G.C. CELEBRATING GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club is now celebrating its Golden Jubilee and is commemorating the occasion with competitions for all sections, at Fanling, Happy Valley and Deep Water Bay.

The following telegrams of congratulation were received by the Secretary of the Club:
"Congratulations on attaining your jubilee and wishing you prosperity in the years to come—from the captain and members of the Hung Joo Golf Club, Shanghai."

"Greetings to you on your fiftieth anniversary—from the Shanghai Golf Club."

"Ladies' Golfing Society sends greetings and congratulations."

L.G.U. MEDAL RESULTS
Mrs. W. J. E. Mackenzie with a card of 104—17=87 won the Silver Division of the Ladies' Golf Union, Medal Round, played at Fanling on May 9, over the Old Course.

Mrs. H. W. R. Williams 92—23=69 and Mrs. T. S. Morrison 97—26=71 were winners in the Bronze Division, held over the New Course.

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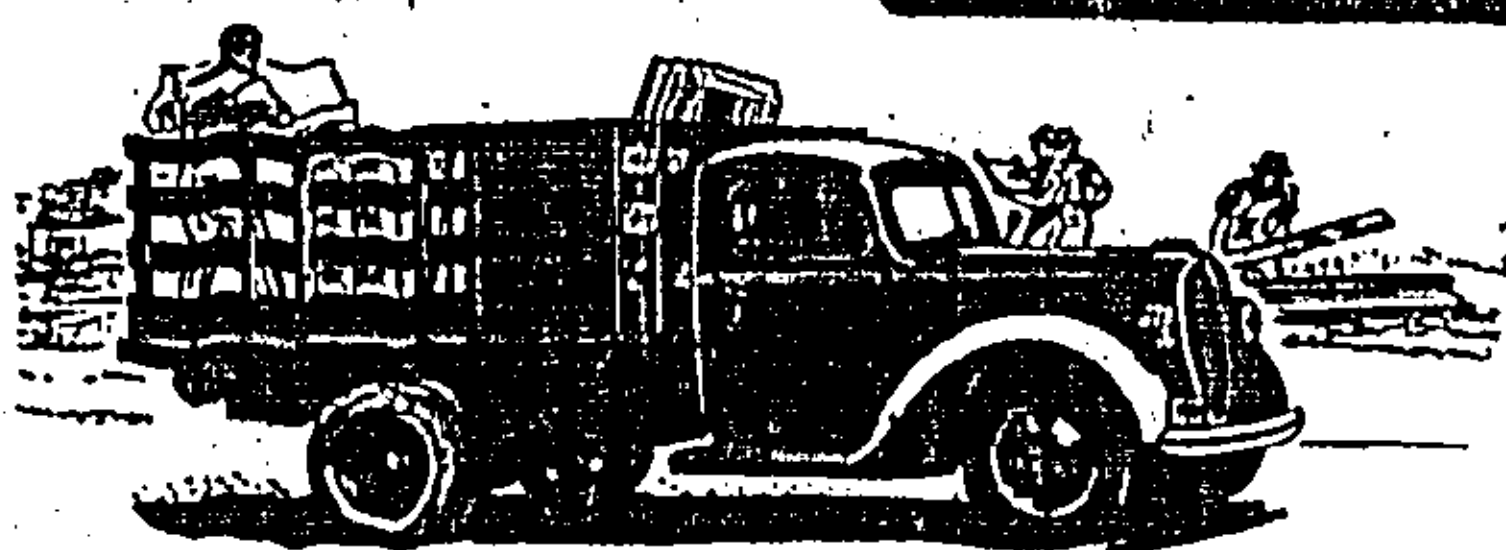
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W. A. Reed, the Civilian centre-half, pushes the ball through to his forwards in the match between the Civilians and the Services played at King's Park last Sunday. The Civilians rather surprisingly won by two goals to nil.—*Staff Photographer*.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

DISCOVERIES OF YEAR IN WELSH RUGGER

Willie Davies Greatest Artist In Wales But Tanner Also Consistent

By Clem Lewis

London, Apr. 19.

LOOKING back over our international Rugby season the name of Sid Williams, the Aberavon wing, comes first to mind. He was our finest international discovery. We had cause also to be thankful for the unearthing of M. J. Davies, the South African Welshman, who was discovered at Oxford. Taken all round, we should be well off for centres next season.

To me the greatest artist in Welsh football to-day is Willie Davies, the Swansea and Wales fly-half. Tanner has been quite consistently good, but it is Davies who has reached the sublime heights. I confess I have derived more pleasure watching his beautifully balanced and elusive running than from anyone else.

WORTH OF MANFIELD

It would be futile to recommence the old argument as to whether he or Cliff Jones is the greater player, but I am prepared to admit that Davies is the truer outside-half. Swansea friends, please note. It is perhaps a truism that Wales can always find plenty of good forwards. The one discovery of note we have made this season is Manfield, our lock forward. Do you remember how England cast their eyes upon him? I am hoping to see Manfield leading the Welsh forwards next season.

Our club games on the whole have been somewhat more open and enter-

prising, but it is regrettable that our "Sevens" tournament fell through! Two things in the main accounted for this—the lukewarm attitude of the Welsh Union and the half-hearted way in which its sponsors—the Glamorgan County Club—went about their job. When tackled properly it will go with a swing.

KNAFF AND CAMBRIDGE
The Cardiff seven for the Twickenham games will probably be: W. Wooller, E. R. Knapp, Gwyn Porter, W. R. Davies behind the three forwards, L. Spence, Roy Roberts and Selby Davies.

Incidentally, wonder whether Cambridge University will find a place for Knapp next season. They were apparently not over impressed by him last year, but we in Wales are beginning to think there are considerable possibilities about this ex-Welsh secondary school cap.

We believe we have quite a number of young players who will be in the limelight next season. Personally I have great hopes for G. Hale, the young Cardiff centre, and H. M. Baker, a Welsh reserve this year who plays in Newport's three-quarter line.

TRIBUTE TO MATTHEWS

You will probably hear a great deal, too, of Jack Matthews, a youthful centre from Bridgend. Last Saturday, playing for the Welsh Secondary Schools, he helped to give the Yorkshire Public Schools a whole of a hiding at Otley.

It will be remembered that he made a second-half appearance in the final Welsh senior trial and if he lives up to the promise he now reveals he will be one of the giants of Welsh Rugby during the next few years.

Yet another youngster who has already spent a year at Cambridge and who I can recommend to the Light Blues is J. Richards. A splendid scrum worker who has had a game or two with Cardiff over the holidays, Richards is an ex-Monmouth schoolboy.

WALES WILL NEED THEM

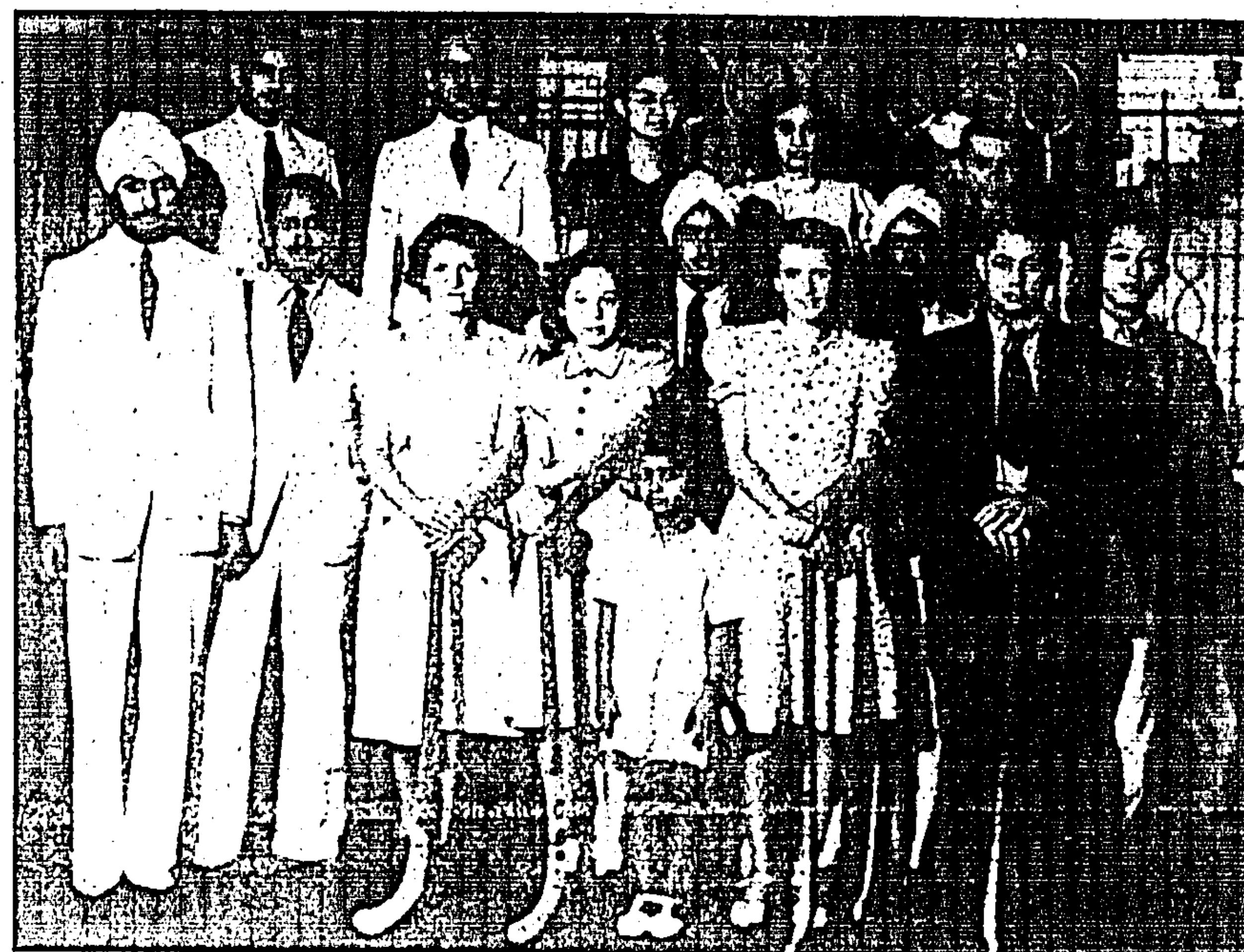
Wales will need these youngsters next season, for it will be made memorable by the fact that we shall have our Australian tourists over here, who play Wales two days before Christmas Day. Previous Australian visits to these islands were in 1908 and 1927, though in the latter year it was a New South Wales side.

Last Saturday at Llanelli I believe I saw the last appearance of that really wonderful veteran forward, Ifor Jones, I have always maintained that Wales passed him over far too soon, and now, after 17 years' service for Llanelli, he is to retire. I write him down amongst the greatest forwards Wales has ever produced.

To my readers, "Au revoir" till next season.

Matches For Saturday's Tennis

Following matches have been arranged for the Tennis Exhibition on Saturday, May 13, in aid of the British Fund for Relief of Distressed in China:
1st. Set—W. A. H. Duff & L. Goldman v. Lee Yue Wing & Ho Ka Lau.
2nd. Set—S. A. & H. D. Rumjahn v. Tsui Yun Pul & Tsui Wai Pul.
3rd. Set—W. A. H. Duff & L. Goldman v. Tsui Yun Pul & Tsui Wai Pul.
4th. Set—Lee Yue Wing & Ho Ka Lau v. S. A. & H. D. Rumjahn.
The matches start at 4 p.m. at H.K. Cricket Club. Booking at Moutrie's.



This picture was taken last Monday when the presentation of sticks was made to the most-improved players and highest goal-scorers in the Leagues by the International Sports. Reading from left to right in the front row are—Mr. Amar Singh (Manager), Mr. M. Feroz Deen (Proprietor), Mrs. Ackroyd, Miss D. Greaves, Gurdaraj Singh, Miss A. Smith, G. Singh and V. Ribeiro—Mayfair Studio.

Bowls Rinks Selected For Saturday

The following players have been selected to represent the Civil Service C.C. in their matches on Saturday in the Lawn Bowls League:
1st Team (v. Craigengower C.C. away)—E. W. Simmonds, H. Strange, A. W. Grimmett and J. Hollidge (skip); M. E. Purvis, C. Strange, W. Burling and M. N. Rakusen (skip); R. R. Davies, R. R. Wood, L. Collyer and J. Deakin (skip).
2nd Team (v. H.K.F.C. away)—E. Korman, E. Bradshaw, F. Haynes and W. Bagley (skip); J. Carr, V. Ebbage, L. Whant and W. Hillyer (skip); F. Austin, A. B. Allan, A. Steven and S. Eccleshall (skip).
Reserves—H. F. Harper, D. Crawley, Weeks and Shephard.

H.E.C. RINKS

The following will represent the Hongkong Electric R.C. against the Kowloon B.G.C. at Ming Yuen:
R. C. Butler, A. G. Gardner, H. S. McKay and J. Sloan (skip); G. G. S. Thomson, W. E. Baker, G. T. Padgett and L. de Rome (skip); J. R. Way, J. Rowe, F. Paul and W. B. Muskett (skip).

TSUI BROTHERS OUTPLAY THEIR OPPONENTS

(Continued from Page 8.)

and Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce were amongst those who witnessed the match.

At the conclusion of the encounter prizes were during the 1939 tournament were presented to the winners by Miss D. Dodwell, who was called upon to do so by Mr. Pearce.

F. Marshall Rides Shanghai Champion

Shanghai, May 10.
A record crowd saw "Peanut" Marshall ride Rain as hot favourite to a brilliant victory at the Shanghai Race Club Champions, winning by half a length from Hindhead, griffin pony, ridden by A. F. Clark, with White Willie, ridden by Alec White, two lengths behind.
Rain covered the mile and a quarter course in the fast time of 2m 32 1/4 secs, paying the sweep ticket holder Yuan 22,120, one of the biggest prizes of recent years.
Night Express, ridden by Garbor Renner, took the lead from the start and led until Widow's Monument. However Rain came on and entered the stretch in the lead, shaking off the hot challenge offered by Hindhead and White Willie.
"Buffy" Matland, leading jockey, was to have ridden Rain. However, yesterday he was thrown heavily and was unable to ride to-day.
Marshall was many times a winner of the Champions, being formerly a jockey of the Eve Stable, owned by Sir Victor Sassoon.—United Press.

The prize winners were:

Open Singles
Winner: Tsui Wai-pul. Runner-up: Tsui Yun-pul.
Open Doubles
Winners: Tsui Wai-pul and Tsui Yun-pul. Runner-up: Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau.
Club Championship
Winner: W. Sander. Runner-up: H. J. Armstrong.
Handicap Singles
Winner: L. Goldman. Runner-up: H. J. Armstrong.
Mixed Doubles
Winners: W. Sander and Miss A. Taylor. Runners-up: H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews.
Handicap Doubles
Winners: J. J. Ferguson and E. E. Storey. Runners-up: R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd.

Baseball N. Y. Giants Blanked Out By Pirates

New York, May 10.
The following were the results of matches played in the Major Baseball League to-day:

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	5	8	1
New York	0	6	2
(Sevell homered for the Pirates).			
Cincinnati	5	7	0
Brooklyn	10	11	1
(Phelps homered for the Dodgers).			
St. Louis	4	11	1
Philadelphia	3	7	1
Chicago	2	3	2
Boston	6	10	1
(Hartnet homered for the Cubs).			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
New York	7	11	1
St. Louis	1	8	0
(Dickey and Selkirk homered for the Yankees).			
Philadelphia	4	12	2
Cleveland	7	12	1
(Ellen homered for the Athletics).			
Washington	1	5	2
Detroit	5	12	1
The match between Boston Red Sox and Chicago White Sox was postponed owing to rain.—Reuter.			
The first Executive Council Meeting of the Chinese American Institute of Cultural Relations will be held at the Chinese Merchants Club at 8 p.m. to-day.			

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Dr. Nagai Resigns From I.O.C.

Tokyo, May 10.
Dr. Matsuzo Nagai resigned yesterday as a member of the International Olympic Committee, on the eve of his departure for London, to attend the forthcoming general meeting as Japan's representative.
Dr. Nagai had been named a member of the Committee by the National Olympic Committee, in succession to the late Mr. Jigoro Kano who died last year while en route to Tokyo from Egypt, via America.
It is understood that Dr. Nagai, who was to sail from Yokohama aboard the Tatsuta Maru on May 11, failed to reach an understanding with Count Baillet Latour, Chairman of the International Olympic Committee, with regard to his formal appointment.—Domet.
No Representative
Tokyo, May 10.
Japan will not be represented at the International Olympic Committee Meeting to be held in London early in June.
Dr. Nagai has given as his reason for resigning the unfavourable atmosphere among certain members of the I.O.C. against him. "Even if I should go to London," he stated, "unless I am elected a member, I should be unable to attend the meeting of the I.O.C. That election takes place on the day I would arrive in London, and if I should not be elected my trip all the way to London would be useless. Under such circumstances, I have decided not to go."—Domet.

A Good Prize For Marshall Field

Baltimore, May 10.
Mr. Marshall Field's Sir Dunlop won the \$20,000 added to the Dixie Handicap to-day by two lengths ahead of Tatter Demolition with Jacola third and Thanksgiving fourth.
The time for the distance, one mile and three-sixteenths, was 1 min. 58 3/5 secs, which is two seconds off the record.—United Press.

Two rounds of full calibre ammunition will be fired from Fort Davis at approximately 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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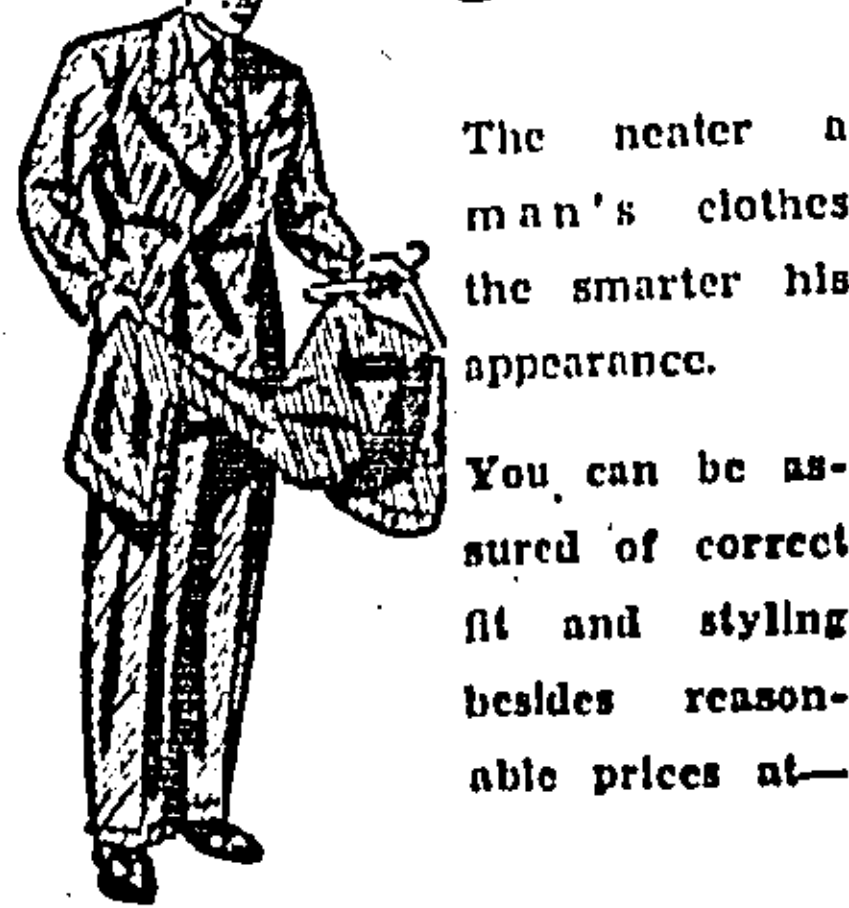
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PIGS NEED VITAMIN

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Dr. E. H. Hughes of the division of animal husbandry at the University of California has demonstrated that pigs need vitamins just the same as human beings. Growing pigs especially, he has found, have to have sufficient riboflavin, one of the elements of the Vitamin B complex, otherwise they won't grow right.

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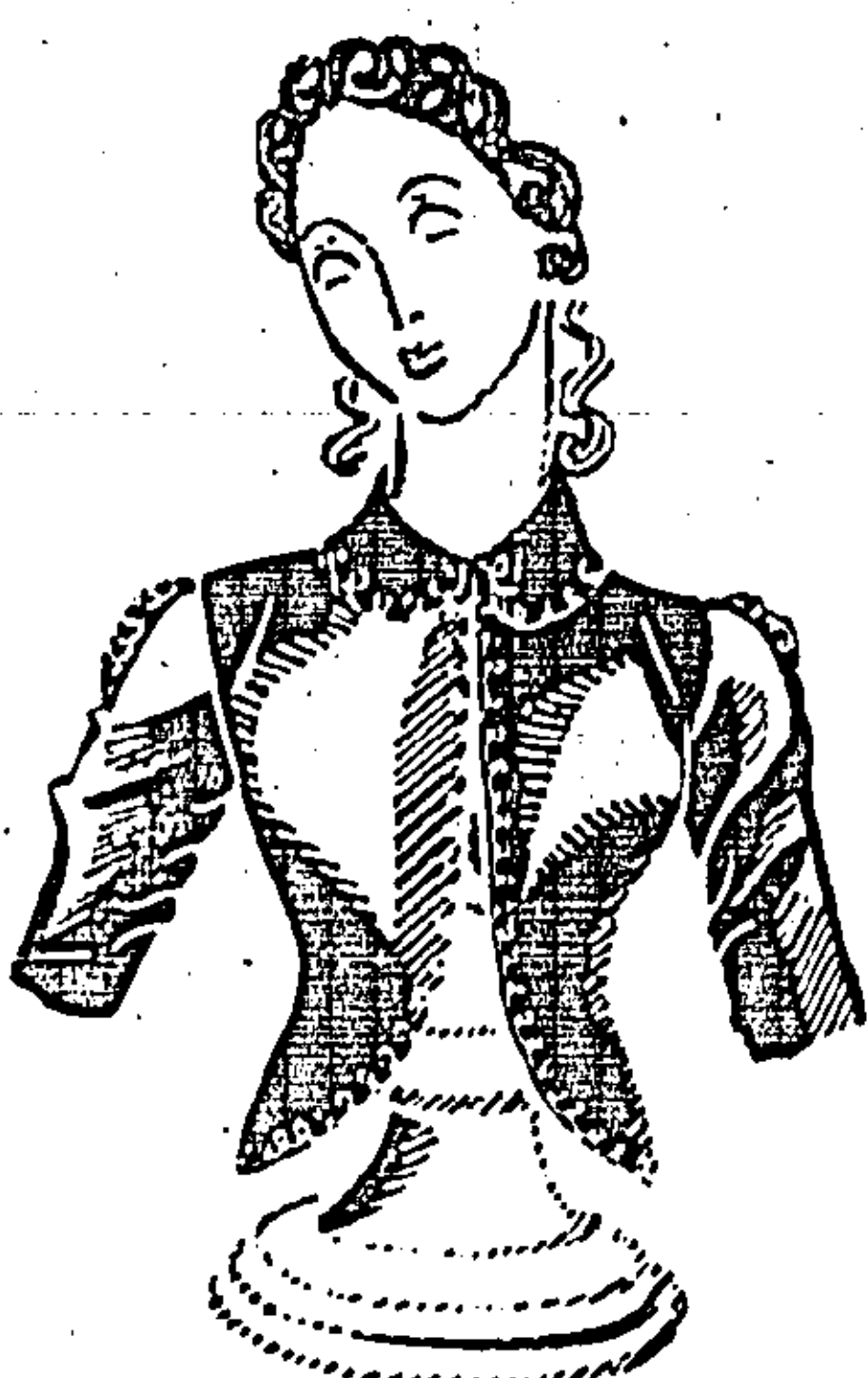
You're heading for the laugh round-up when you see (left to right) Johnnie Davis, Dick Powell, Priscilla Lane, Pat O'Brien and Dick Foran doing their stuff as wild and woolly Westerners in "Romance and Rhythm," nowing showing at the King's Theatre.

The Cold Shoulder

If you have an off-the-shoulder evening dress, there may be times when you go to the play, dine in a restaurant, or are asked out to dinner in a draughty house, when your decolletage may be excessive or merely chilly. So here is the answer. Have one or two of these little jackets, quite in period, and easily removable.



1 This consists of a back piece and two sleeves of striped taffeta, the back finishing in a broad belt, which laces at the front waist, peasant style. The back is cut in one piece round to the front to complete the arm-holes.



2 This little Victorian coat would be the easiest possible thing for your "little dress-maker" to copy. It is cut into the waist, basqued, and trimmed with braid. Made of Ottoman silk, it would look particularly good over a full-skirted frock.



3 For those slim and young enough to wear capes, this ruched capelet provides the ideal solution to cold shoulders. Make it in taffeta, which ruffles nicely, and line it with something warm to the skin.



4 Bolero in slipper satin with a crisp organdi frilling round the neck, sides, and back. Frilling should be as detachable as possible, because it will need to be laundered more often than the bolero. Keep, if you can, an extra ruffle.

Feminine Frivolities

WHAT WOMEN WORE IN 1839

DRESSES were very elaborate in the latest fashion from Paris. Imagine a modern girl attired in a morning dress of white organdie, festooned with blue bows! The short and flowers in their natural tints sleeves were tight at the top, with a long puff below, and the long, full skirt was extended by a stiff, full petticoat. When it came to evening dress the women of 1839 simply surpassed themselves. Picture a buxom matron disporting herself in a robe of maroon velvet, trimmed with blond lace flounces, and velvet flowers of vivid colours. The bodice was cut extremely low, but she modestly wore "a chemise of white tulle, which rises sufficiently high round the bust to shade it in a very elegant manner."

When in full evening dress, young women were recommended to wear "singularly pretty little caps of tulle placed on the back of the head and encircled with a wreath of flowers," while matrons were advised to put on "elegant white caps of tulle, ornamented with wheat ears."

"New" Materials

The newest materials featured in the fashions of 1839 were marcelines, taffetas glace, foulards, Jaconet muslins, and a mixture of cotton and wool very fashionable for promenade costumes. Embroidered organdie "of the most exquisite fineness and transparency" was recommended as being

Elaborate Hats

Hats and bonnets were large and elaborate, and worn well on the back of the head, to display smoothly parted hair looped round the ears. Bonnets of leghorn straw, rimmed with long white feathers, tipped with blue or pink, vied with black lace bonnets adorned with feathers intermixed with velvet flowers.

It is interesting to note that in 1839 silk stockings cost from 2s 3d to 7s 6d, and cotton stockings could be bought from 3d per pair upwards. Satin shoes cost 6d, silk shoes 5s, while kid and morocco shoes were only 4s 6d per pair. Lace mittens could actually be purchased at ninepence per pair.

Margaret Hillman.



A new sweater-blouse, crocheted in a variation of the shell stitch, and worked in a wavy effect from multi-coloured mercerized crocheted cotton, will be gay and becoming this spring and summer. Short and figure-moulding, it features a soft turndown collar and slightly puffed short sleeves.

How Do You Smile?

HOW do you smile? Most women think they smile sweetly of course, but few of us realise that every time we smile we are unconsciously revealing our character to those who have eyes to see.

To a keen observer a woman's smile reveals a great deal, for a beautiful smile is not always the smile of a beautiful woman. Very often the plainest women smile so charmingly that when they smile they cease to be plain. Their features are not faultless, but their beautiful smile disarms all criticism.

Other women with far greater claims to beauty are disappointing when they smile, for many of them merely open their mouths and display two large rows of teeth.

Some women smile only with their lips, while their eyes remain cold and expressionless. Such women are apt to repel by their apparent lack of sincerity.

Then we all know women with a perpetual smile. These gushing women apparently have not learned that even a smile can be overdone. Other women have a delightful, humorous smile that banishes depression and warms the heart of the beholder.

Watch these women with a slow, coaxing smile. See how they always manage to get their own way.

Most of us have seen at one time or another the woman who wears a smile of superiority. Somehow such a smile seems to arouse antagonism. The wistful smile that can change anger to pleasure is a gift that most women value beyond price, but this smile is usually quite an unconscious possession.

Women who sometimes smile outdoors are public benefactors. So many women frown and look worried when walking in the street that it cheers our hearts to see any woman with a happy smile.

Women who have a sweet, pleasant smile that reflects inward beauty possess one of the greatest secrets of popularity, for this smile is irresistible.

Margaret Hillman

SHORT CUTS

To make salty gravies and soups palatable, drop a piece of raw potato into the liquid for a few minutes before removing it from the fire.

Bolled salad dressing will not curdle if the beaten eggs are stirred into cold vinegar before boiling.

A delicious syrup for waffles or pancakes is made from jelly which turns to sugar. Simply add half a glass of water to one glass of jelly, heating just enough for jelly to dissolve.

Help Kidneys

Don't Take Drastic Drugs

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Lacy Lingerie for Spring

New York—It just doesn't do to white or bouclair colours, is run, take one's eye off things, as for instance what goes on in smart shops. I've in mind lingerie sections, although the same applies to most sections, certainly at this season.

It stands to reason, with little girl dresses—many of them made of washable materials—one just naturally wants lingerie in the little-girl rather than the grand-dame manner. And when I say lingerie I mean undies of muslin, handkerchief, linen and so on.

It works this way: the shirtwaist type of dress, be it gypsified or otherwise, is a transparent affair and needs to be worn over something pretty provocative. It just table linen, cover the stain with doesn't look right over satin and silk crepes. It needs to be something lacy, finely embroidered or thirty minutes, rinse in cold water both, or it needs to be beautifully and wash out in warm water and and finely tucked. I've made it my mild soapuds. Do not let the salt business to explain about beading remain too long; it might damage through which dainty ribbon, in the material.

Removing Wine Stains

To remove red wine stains from table linen, cover the stain with salt as quickly as possible and moisten it with cold water. After thing lacy, finely embroidered or thirty minutes, rinse in cold water both, or it needs to be beautifully and wash out in warm water and and finely tucked. I've made it my mild soapuds. Do not let the salt business to explain about beading remain too long; it might damage through which dainty ribbon, in the material.



Nicole de Paris demonstrates the ultimate in chic for the sophisticated woman when she wears this boldly striped, black and white jersey dress with matching full-length cape, one of her own original designs. The Nicole hat of black milan straw is topped by three ornamental calla lilies of white velvet. This costume was included in one of the recent fashion shows at the Ritz-Carlton in New York.



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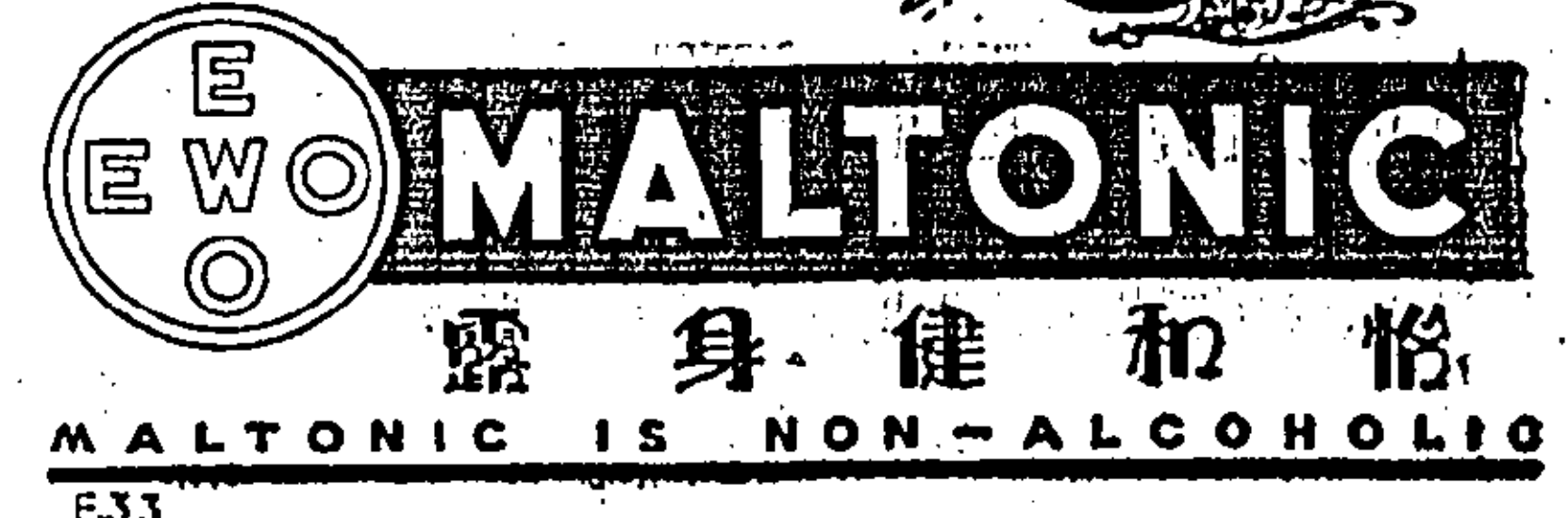
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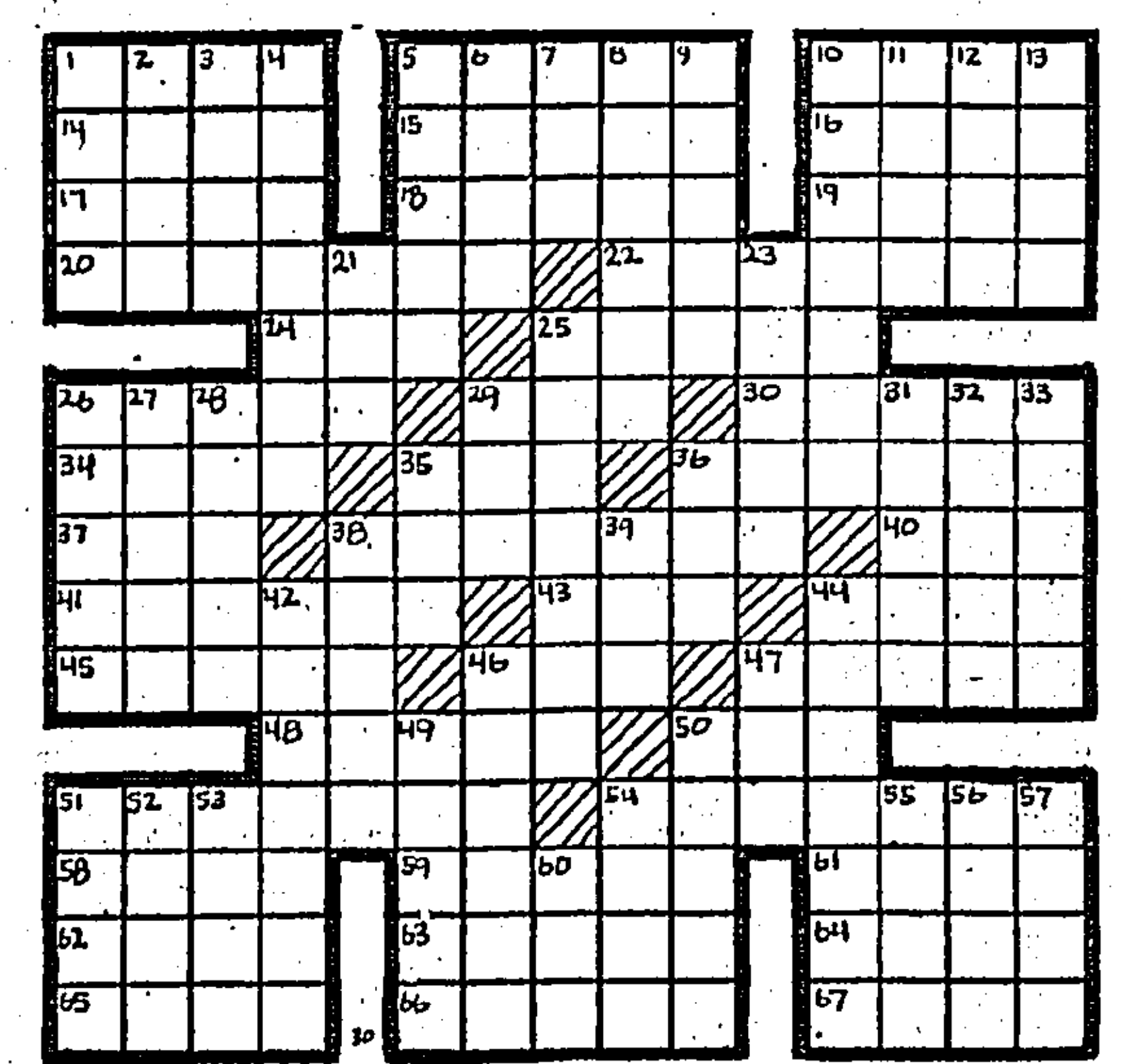
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2—Sign used in music
3—Port of Spain
4—Arrow pointing down
5—By French composer
6—Native of the West Indies
7—Bird of prey
8—Mimicked
9—Dramatic play by "The Tempest"
10—Decrease
11—Printing number
12—Widged
13—Known person
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The body of 21-year-old Private Frank Kibby, of the Seaforth Highlanders, being carried to the grave by eight of his comrades at the British military funeral which was held recently at the Hung-jao Road Cemetery, Shanghai. Pte. Kibby died at the British Military Hospital after a short illness.



An impressive funeral service was held at the Dabbling Well Cemetery, Shanghai, recently, for the late Mr. Bertram Little, B.Sc. Eng. (Lond.), A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.E., who died as the result of a motor accident on Broadway. Picture shows Dean A. C. S. Trivet of the Holy Trinity Cathedral, at right, officiating, assisted by the Rev. P. C. Matthews. Chief mourners stand on the side of the casket.



In a ceremony held in the new German Community Hall, Shanghai, the German community, headed by members of the China and Shanghai branches of the German National Socialist Labour Party, observed the 50th birthday anniversary of Herr Adolf Hitler. This picture shows Herr S. Lahmann, leader of the China Group of the Party, giving the salute after having addressed the audience.



Nine members of the Shanghai Municipal Police (Specials) were presented with long service medals by Deputy Commissioner E. G. MacDonald, their commanding officer, during a parade held in the S.W.C. Drill Hall recently. This picture shows Deputy Commissioner MacDonald, pinning a long service medal with bar on the breast of Inspector W. Golding, while Assistant Commissioner W. J. Gande looks on.

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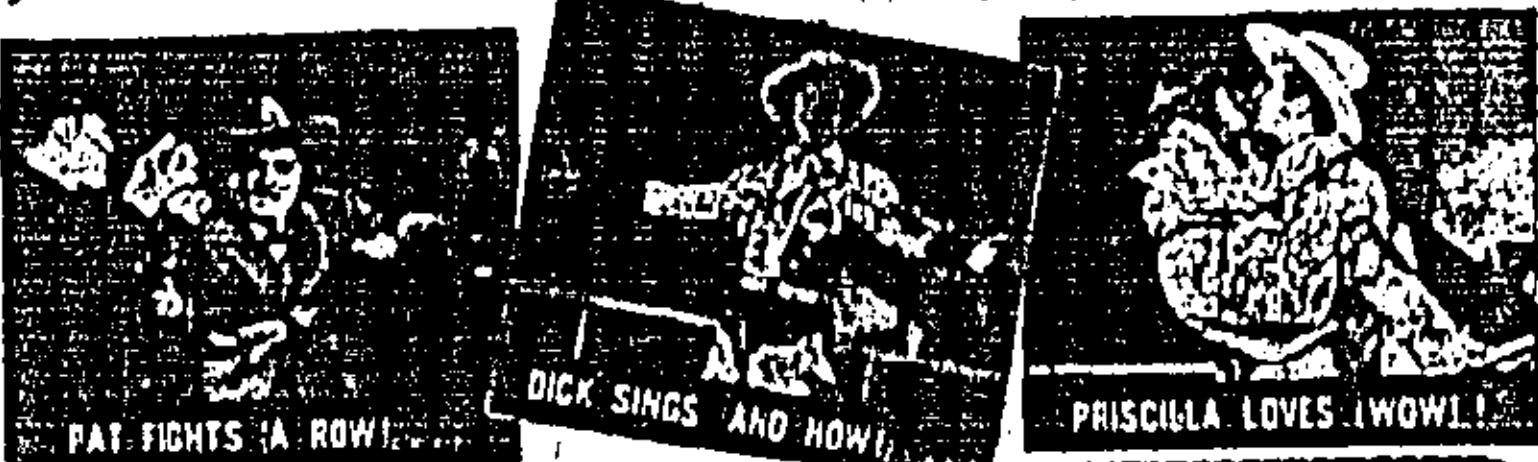
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Air France Arrives

Passengers And Mail From Hanoi

The Air France plane reached Hongkong at 12.45 p.m. yesterday with mails and passengers from Hanoi.

Among the passengers were Mr. R. Landis, returning from Indo-China in the interests of the Ford Motor Company, Mr. N. Sorozin, Messrs. Mezel and Anthoine. The plane will leave for Paris at 6.30 a.m. on Saturday.

GIGANTIC AERODROME

Nara, May 10. As part of the national programme for the celebration of the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire, a plan is under way for the construction of a gigantic aerodrome over an area of 100,000 tsubo in the suburbs of the city of Nara.

Designed to be completed before February 11, construction of the projected airport will be started on May 18 with an elaborate ceremony. The airfield will contain a south-to-north 400-metre runway and an east-to-west 600 metre runway, two hangars, a weather observatory, dormitories for trainees, and a post-office.—Domei.

FLIGHT TO NEW ZEALAND

London, May 10. Eighteen Wellington Vikings bombers are flying to New Zealand shortly in three batches of six. They will be piloted by New Zealanders, who are now undergoing training with the Royal Air Force in England.—Reuter Bulletin.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

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For London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. May 12 Imperial Airways 7 a.m. May 16.

For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.
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From London: Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. May 11. Imperial Airways 5 p.m. May 15.

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From France, via Hanoi: Air France 1 p.m. May 17.

MESSAGE OF PEACE

Dr. Reichelt Speaks On Madras Conference

An interesting talk entitled, "A Message of Peace from Madras" was given by Dr. K. L. Reichelt before members of the Peace Pledge Union at the Challenge Book Shop yesterday.

Dr. Reichelt described the Christian World Conference which was held at Tambaram, near Madras, in December when 470 delegates from 70 different countries were present.

There was only one resolution which bore directly on the war, said Dr. Reichelt, and that was agreed to on Christmas day. He read out the resolution from the Report of the Conference.

The speaker then described the personalities who were prominent at the Conference. They were Dr. C. Z. Koo of China, who spoke on problems connected with the Sino-Japanese war; Dr. Kagawa of Japan, who spoke on the meaning of the Cross; and the Rev. C. F. Ambrose, well known missionary in India.

Mr. J. Russell, Chairman of the meeting, thanked the speaker, and reminded those present that the next meeting will be a visit to the Social Settlements in Kowloon next week.

"Drink No Coffee" Italians Told

ROME, May 10.—"Drink no more coffee" is the order given to Italians by Signor Achille Starace, secretary of the Fascist Party, in the official Gazette to-day.

Those who are unable to dispense entirely with this beverage are urged to reduce consumption to the minimum.

"In this manner," he says, "we shall get even with those countries who will not exchange coffee for our goods, but which insist upon money in advance."—Trans-Ocean.

BIRTH

REMEDIOS.—On 10th May, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Remedios, a daughter.

Lawlessness In Hongkew Area

Britain Tells Japan Of Difficulties

LONDON, May 10.—During question-time in the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Haslam asked whether the attention of the Japanese Government had been called to the difficulties experienced by the Shanghai Municipal Council in preserving law and order in the Settlement, owing to the chaotic conditions and lawlessness prevailing in the Japanese-controlled districts surrounding the Settlement.

In a written reply, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that the attention of the Japanese authorities had already been drawn to these difficulties.—Reuter.

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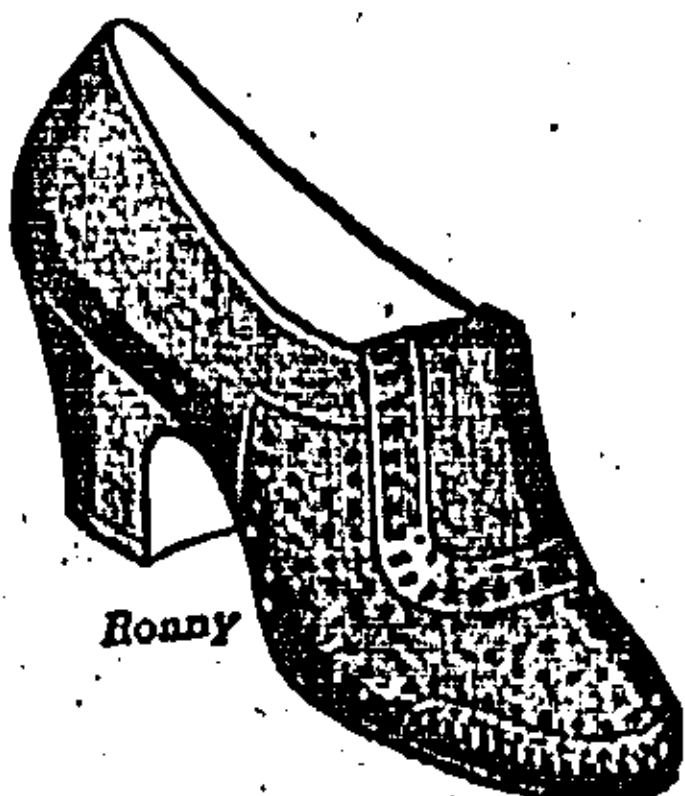
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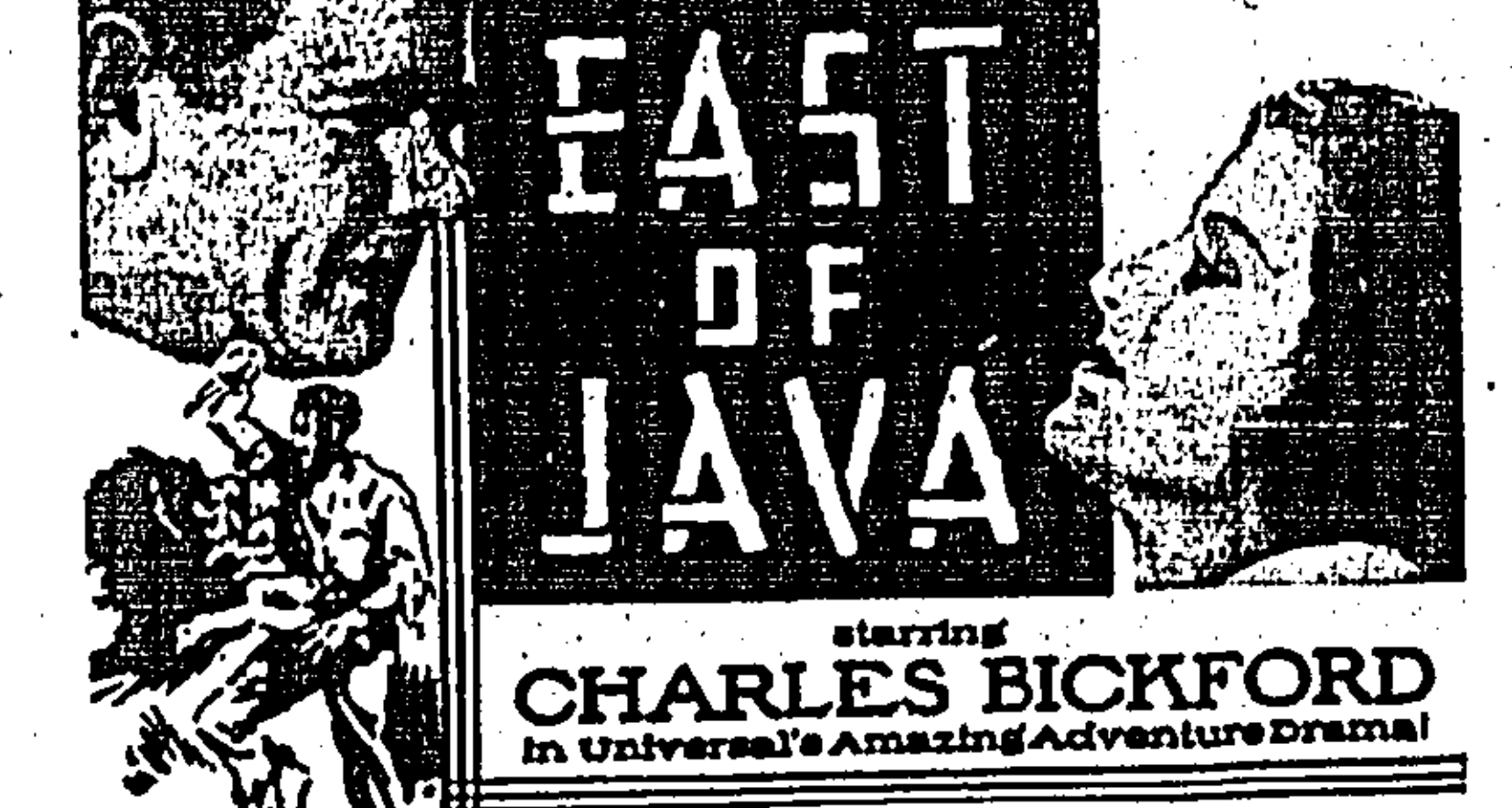
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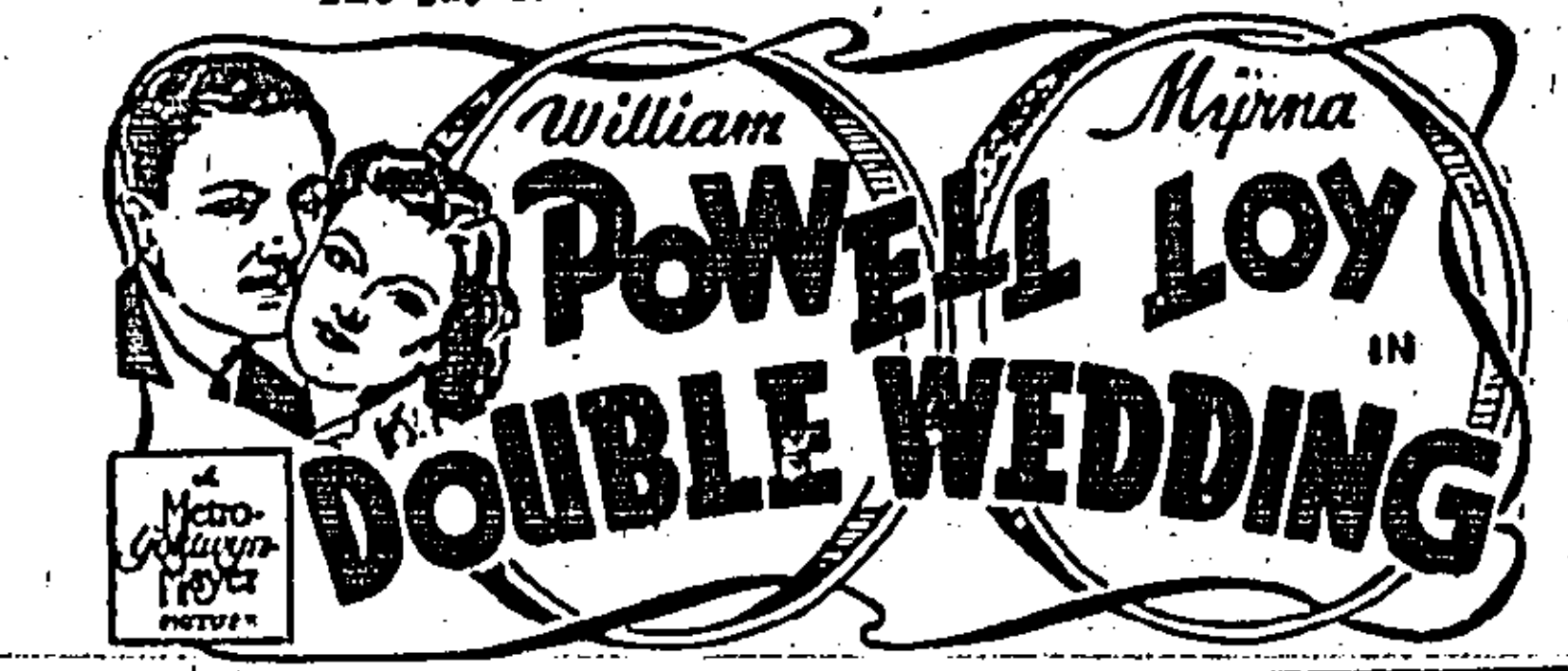
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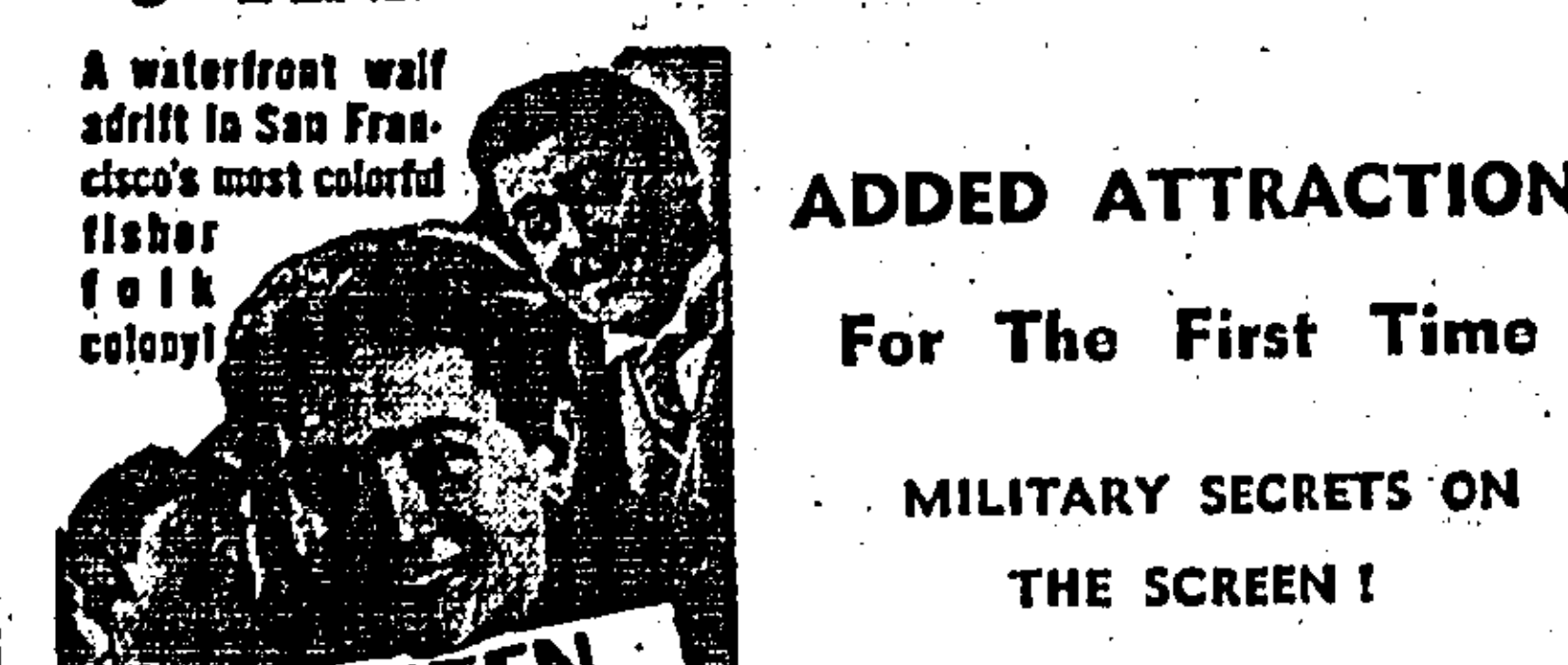


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Murder Of British Agent In Mosul

LONDON, May 10. In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Noel Baker, asked whether further enquiries had been made to ascertain if the recent murder of the British Consul in Mosul was the result of subversive propaganda by agents of the Government of another European country.

Mr. R. A. Butler stated that it was understood no connection had been established between the individuals arrested and sentenced for the murder of Mr. Monk-Mason and agents of any foreign Power.

Guerillas Raid Japanese Boat

SHANGHAI, May 11.—It is learned that in the absence of Japanese officials guerrillas raided the customs launch Hsicheng, which was moored in Chefoo harbour.

They escaped in the motor boat with a large quantity of arms and munitions.—Reuter.

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Photograph Contest To Open Next Month

THE NINTH Annual Amateur Photographic Competition conducted by the "Hongkong Telegraph" will be held during the months June/September this year.

Entries will be restricted to subjects taken within the Colony, and full particulars of the classes together with the rules governing the Competition will be announced shortly.

Messrs. Ilford, Limited, of London, through their local office, have again signified their intention of awarding two silver trophies for the best and second-best entry. Cash prizes to the value of \$250 will be awarded by the "Telegraph."

200 PEOPLE KILLED FOR INSURANCE

Amazing Murder Ring Revealed In America

PHILADELPHIA, May 10.

DETECTIVES ARE investigating the activities of a "murder-for-insurance" ring which is blamed for at least 200 murders in the United States.

The investigators have found evidence of murder having reached the proportions of a competitive industry.

They also have evidence that a second ring obtained a share of the insurance profits.

They specialised in women who had grown tired of their husbands.

The operations of the rings spread over five States.

The bodies of suspected victims have so clogged the police mortuaries that District Attorney Charles F. Kelly has ordered extra shifts of chemical analysts for day and night duty.

—United Press.

Fantastic Insurances

PHILADELPHIA, May 10.—The ever-widening inquiry into the murder syndicate has indicated that the ring had a branch at Pittsburgh through which they handled the insurance business in the same methods adopted in Philadelphia and New Jersey.

An inquiring that the ring may have murdered at least one prominent person for a large and quick profit instead of their customary small insurance profits is seen in the report by the Hartford Insurance Company on the suspicious death of a wealthy businessman in 1935 which had previously been listed as accidental death.

The Company paid over \$100,000, since the policy provided for a double indemnity in case of accidental death.

Twenty-four persons are now being held in custody as officers or customers of the syndicate. Their trials are expected to occupy the Philadelphia courts throughout the summer.

One court has already been set aside for the hearings. —United Press.

British Naval Chiefs Meet

Singapore Talks On Far East Problems

LONDON, May 11. Mr. Hector C. Bywater, Naval Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" understands that a conference of flag officers and their staffs of all British naval squadrons east of Suez may be held at Singapore in the near future, to bring up to date co-ordination of Far East defence measures in the event of an emergency.

The writer says that a similar conference has been held at regular intervals during recent years, but the one pending promises to be of particular importance.

Officers who may attend are Admiral Sir Percy Noble, Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, Commodore R. R. Drew and Vice-Admiral James Somerville.

The writer adds that the commanding officers of the Australian and New Zealand squadrons, Rear-Admiral Custance and Commodore Elvest-Carnio may also be present.

Singapore Mystified

SINGAPORE, May 11. Local officials state they have no knowledge as yet of any naval conference here as suggested by the "Daily Telegraph." —Reuter.

"Premier Is Holding Back From Close Alliance"

CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY CRITICISED IN FRANCE

PARIS, May 10.

FRENCH admiration for Mr. Neville Chamberlain which has featured the French press during recent weeks, to-day turned into somewhat bitter criticism for his irresolute handling of the Anglo-Soviet negotiations.

"Pertinax," writing in "L'Ordre," maintains that Mr. Chamberlain is holding back from entering into a close alliance with Russia because it might have the effect of alienating some of the countries, both big and small, that have aligned themselves with the democracies, as well as driving Spain, Portugal, and Japan into the Axis camp.

POWERS MUST CHOOSE

If Mr. Chamberlain is allowed to be guided by considerations of this sort, adds the commentator, then it would be hard to allay doubts about his prudence.

The Powers have now to choose between two alternatives: to sacrifice everything to the imperative necessity of obtaining forces strong enough to hold the dictators in check, which means an alignment with Russia on this front, or to renounce all hope of the possibility of setting up an enduring rampart in the East.—Trans-Ocean.

"ALL A MISTAKE"



MR. CHAMBERLAIN

LONDON, May 10.—In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain declared that Russia would be expected to aid the victims of aggression in Eastern Europe only provided France and Britain have gone to their aid and are actually at war.

Yesterday's Soviet communique, he explained, was based on a misunderstanding.

But Britain, he indicated, had rejected the Soviet proposal for a military alliance. After consultation with France, Britain had pointed out to Russia certain difficulties in such an alliance.

BRITAIN'S PLEDGE

He recalled that Britain was pledged to assist a number of nations and hinted that any British proposal for a similar pledge to the Soviet would have aroused the opposition of Poland and Rumania.

Accordingly Britain suggests that Russia should make a declaration similar in effect to the British declaration.

The gist of such a declaration would be: "In the event of Britain and France becoming involved in hostilities while discharging their obligations, the Soviet will express its readiness to lend assistance if desired."

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TURKEY AS AN ALLY

Negotiations Ending No Offer To Reich

LONDON, May 10. Mr. Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Anglo-Turkish negotiations are nearing completion.

Britain And Germany

LONDON, May 10.—England has made "no formal" offer of a mutual assistance pact to Germany, declared Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day, in reply to a written enquiry.

He explained that the offer of a guarantee to which he referred on May 3 had not been transmitted to the German Government through diplomatic channels, neither had a German proposal to the British Government.

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German Monoplane Returning To H.K.

TOKYO, May 11.—The Junker monoplane piloted by Baron von Goltz, will take off from Haneda Airport for Hanking to-morrow.

After a two-days stay in Manchukuo, it will fly back to Berlin via Fukuoka, Taihoku and Hongkong.

The German crew intend to hop off from Tokyo at 7 a.m., arriving at Hanking at 1.30 p.m., via Toyama and Selsin, Korea, thus covering the distance of 930 miles in 6½ hours.

On Saturday they will take off at noon for Mukden, which they will leave on Sunday at 10 a.m., to arrive in Fukuoka at 4 p.m.

The plane will leave Fukuoka early on May 15, arriving in Taihoku at 10 a.m. On May 16 the plane will take off for Hongkong, en route back to Berlin.—Domet.

Royal Liner Ploughs Through Ice-Fields

ABOARD THE EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA, May 10.—"Reuter's" special correspondent states that the Empress of Australia, which is carrying the King and Queen to Canada, increased her speed to 18½ knots to-day.

At noon she was 620 miles east of Cape Race, the easternmost point of Newfoundland, and was pushing ahead in weather which was still overcast, but considerably calmer than when the speed was reduced last night.

The Captain hopes to clear the icefields during daylight to-morrow.

U.S. Itinerary

Washington, May 10.

Two nights in the royal train, one night's stay at White House, visits to George Washington's tomb and the New York World's Fair will be in the four-day programme of the King and Queen when they visit the United States in June.

They will enter the United States from Canada at Niagara Falls on June 7 and will be received by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt at Washington.

The night of Thursday, June 8, will be spent at the White House, and the two days in New York where they will go to the President's home at Hyde Park.

The King and Queen will be met by an official reception committee when they reach Niagara Falls, New York State, late on the evening of Wednesday, June 7. Then they will go by train direct to Washington, where they are due at 11 a.m. next day.

At White House.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt will meet them at the railway station on June 7.

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Trains Killed Nine In H.K.

Trespassers On Railway Lines

THE well-known private property warning: "Trespassers will be Prosecuted" can be given a more grim interpretation through people trespassing on the permanent way of the Kowloon-Canton railway, judging from last year's figures relating to accidents on the line.

The annual report reveals that nine trespassers were killed by trains, and six others injured during 1938.

Four passengers were injured through falling off trains.

One member of the staff was killed while on duty, and five were injured while carrying out their work.

Derailments during the year totalled 14. There were five collisions (four minor and one major) and on one occasion a train was derailed. There were four cases of engine failures.

Chatin Collision

On July 14, a serious accident occurred at 8½ mile point on the British section when a partially loaded train collided with a passenger train.

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New Landing Near Colony

NAVAL FORCE ENTERS NAMTAU

FOR THE fourth time in six months Namtau, coastal town in the Po-On district near the Hongkong border, has been invaded by Japanese.

Under the protection of two cruisers, 300 Japanese landed at 8 a.m. yesterday at Chenwu. Armed with field guns, they advanced on Namtau from two directions.

After defeating the Chinese garrison and police at the western gate, they smashed into the city.

City Again Fired

Reminiscent of similar fires which have followed other visits of the Japanese, fires were observed in several sections of the city after the invaders' entry.

According to Shumchun reports, Chinese defenders held the western outskirts of Namtau.

A thorough house-to-house search was undertaken by Japanese troops, who are "cleaning up" Namtau in their search for guerrillas, food and portable valuables.

\$10,000 Daily Ransom

The town elders have been ordered to collect \$10,000 daily for the maintenance of "peace and order."

Unconfirmed reports say reinforcements from Shumchun are encircling the Japanese at Namtau, cutting their communication with the coast.

AIR RAIDS CONTINUE

No Let-Up In China Horror

Shanghai, May 11.

Chinese reports say that three Japanese planes dropped 43 bombs on Kihnu yesterday, demolishing 297 buildings and causing heavy casualties which have not yet been estimated.

Seven Japanese planes raided Ningpo, dropping 15 bombs which destroyed 40 buildings. The casualties were not mentioned.

Another squadron of Japanese planes made a series of raids on Nanyang, on the Honan-Hupeh border making direct hits on the Nanyang Women's School and the primary school as well as destroying the Mingku newspaper establishment. The casualties were not mentioned.

The reports admitted that the Japanese troops at Nanchang have received reinforcements, wherefore they are now offering stiff resistance, but indicated that the Chinese were repulsing further reinforcements attempting to pierce Nanchang's outer defence.

The heaviest fighting is now centred at Newchang station, 5 miles north of Nanchang where the Chinese troops are attempting to cut off the Japanese line of communications to Kihkuang. Meanwhile the Chinese reports claimed that Chinese troops

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Crown Rents Show Rise

11,674 Lots Bring In \$719,597.

THE TOTAL Crown Rent received during 1938 from the Hongkong and Kowloon Rent was \$719,597.22 for 11,674 lots, it was revealed to-day.

In the city, a total of \$236,233.74 was received on Crown Rent on the Victoria Island lot which numbers 4,669 lots. The Victoria Praya Reclamation Marine Lot (28 lots) and the Victoria Marine Lot (433 lots) brought in \$859.91 and \$71,009.69 respectively.

The Crown Rent received on the Kowloon Island Lot (3,094 lots) was \$139,020.16 and on the Kowloon Marine Lot (55 lots) \$50,020.60 was received.

The New Kowloon Marine Lot which comprises three lots was rented for \$18,938, whilst the New Kowloon Island Lot (2,370 lots) brought in \$70,238.35.

The total Crown Rent on the Victoria Island Lot amounted to \$1,314.00 on 1,051 lots.

LATEST

Empress Will Slacken Speed

EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA, May 11.—A sudden cold nip in the air has shown that the Empress of Australia has reached the ice zone.

When the liner reaches the centre of the ice zone the Captain intends to slacken speed and will take no chances.—Reuter.

See Back Page For Further Late News

BIG BATTLESHIPS FOR EAST, SAYS EXPERT

LONDON, May 11.—In consequence of negotiations between the British and Australian Governments, certain British battleships have been earmarked for service in the Pacific should an emergency arise.

This statement was made in the "Daily Telegraph" this morning by Mr. Hector C. Bywater, the well-known naval correspondent.

Mr. Bywater adds that neither the number of the ships nor their names can be disclosed.

The composition of the Battle force which in certain contingencies would be despatched to the Far East has been carefully calculated by experts, Mr. Bywater continues. This has been done with a view to retaining the balance of power in the Mediterranean and eastern Atlantic.

Despite active shipbuilding by Germany and Italy, Great Britain and France can count on maintaining their present supremacy.

Thanks to the completion of the

Shipping In Doldrums

A table prepared by the Harbour Department showing the total shipping of all classes at the port of Hongkong during the years 1910 to 1938 makes the interesting and depressing disclosure that the figure for 1938 is the lowest on the list. It is 30,902,750 tons. Shipping reached its peak in 1924 with a tonnage of 56,781,077.

Since then the figures have remained in the forties until 1937, when the figure suddenly fell to 37,830,760 tons from the 41,731,016 tons of 1936.

A consoling feature, however, is that foreign shipping has suffered most of the loss. British ocean-going shipping, which was 11,844,752 tons in the peak year of 1924, is still 11,307,133 tons.

4-POWER TALKS IN GENEVA

Peace-loving Group To Confer

PARIS, May 10.—The "Intransigent" asserts to-day that Poland, Russia, France, and England will hold a four-power conference during the forthcoming League Council meeting in Geneva.

The paper points out that the League business alone is no longer a matter of great interest to politicians and statesmen who go to Geneva these days.

The meetings are now regarded as a favourable opportunity for establishing diplomatic contacts which might attract undue attention if held elsewhere.

The paper regards it as certain that M. Bor et, Viscount Halifax and Colonel Beck will meet M. Potemkin at Geneva during the forthcoming meeting of the Council.—Trans-Ocean

Tit For Tat!

WARSAW, May 10.—An apparently inspired article in the "Express Poranny" states that any attempt at a one-sided solution of the Danzig problem by the Danzig Nazis or Germany is destined to failure.

The paper adds that if it is desired to arrange a plebiscite in Danzig, Poland will insist that a plebiscite should first be held in Bohemia and Moravia.

It is announced that the authorities have expelled 13 Germans from the Polish frontier zone at Posen on a charge of spreading false rumours and of disloyalty. Two women have been expelled from the frontier zone of the Polish Corridor for illegal activities against the State frontier in the Posen district.—Reutfr.

Five-Fold Increase In Planes REPORT REVEALS AMAZING AVIATION GROWTH DURING PAST YEAR

HIGHLIGHTS in the amazing aviation development of Hongkong are contained in the annual report of the Director of Air Services, Commander G. F. Hole, issued to-day.

It is shown that: More than five times the number of planes used Kai Tak in 1938 than in 1932.

Passengers arriving and departing at the Colony airport increased 500 per cent.

Big Developments Unprecedented growth in civil aviation in Hongkong took place in 1938, according to report.

The number of passengers arriving and departing at Kai Tak airport rose from 3,000 in 1937 to 9,000 in the year under review.

Chief among the aviation developments in the Colony in 1938 was the inauguration of the All-up Mail by Imperial Airways in September, and the extension by Air France of its Paris-Hankow service to Hongkong.

No accident to aircraft causing injury to personnel occurred within the Colony.

More Than 1,000 Planes In 1938 a total number of 633 planes brought 6,000 passengers to Kai Tak. Of these planes 116 were British and 517 were foreign. 458 of the plane trips were from China, 35 from Manila, and 140 from Indo-China. 35.6 tons of mails were brought by the British planes.

Outgoing traffic was heavier still and 640 planes, carrying 3,003 passengers left Kai Tak airport. British planes numbered 115. They carried 29.1 tons of mail.

Chinese Planes

458 Chinese planes arrived and 473 Chinese machines departed from Kai Tak in 1938. They brought 5,330 passengers and left with 3,291 passengers.

The amazing development of the Colony's aviation is shown by the fact that in 1936 a total of 123 planes made trips to Hongkong. In 1938, 633 machines made trips to the Hongkong airport. During the same period the passengers carried increased from 135 passengers in 1936 to 6,000 in 1938.

The same can be said of the outward traffic during this period, for in 1936 only 121 planes left Kai Tak compared with 640 machines last year.

Passengers in 1938 who left here by plane were 3,003 compared with 154 people taken two years ago.

Expenditure Doubled Expenditure on air services in Hongkong in 1938 was nearly double that of the previous year, being \$101,130 against \$51,930.

Chief items on the expenditure were three rubber buoys for flying

16 HONGKONG MARINERS FAILED IN EXAMS

Examinations held in Hongkong last year under the Board of Trade regulations gave 13 more seamen the right to be called "Master," but 16 others who sat failed. Less than half of the candidates for a first mate's ticket

also passed, the successful candidates numbering four out of nine.

No-one, records the Harbour Master in his annual report, sought a second mate's certificate. Of ten who were examined for first class engineer's certificate (ordinary) three passed, and three of five candidates secured a second class engineer's certificate (ordinary). One of two candidates won a first class engineer's certificate (motor) and one of two candidates also secured a second class engineer's certificate (motor). Six secured first class motor endorsement.

Of 79 candidates examined for certificates as coxswains 66 passed and of 109 examined as engineers 105 passed.

NO INQUIRY COURTS

There were no Marine Courts of Inquiry during the year.

In the Marine Magistrate's Court 450 cases were heard. The principal offenders were.—Boarding ship without permission of the master, lying inshore during prohibited hours without a permit, making fast to ships under way without permission of the master, and failing to exhibit regulation lights.

Honeymoon Records

Last year was a record year for honeymooners in Hongkong. The Annual Report of the Registrar of Marriages, issued to-day, disclosed that more marriages were solemnised in the Colony in 1938 than in any other year in the Colony's history.

Five hundred and forty-four couples were united during the year, the predominant number being Chinese. The total represents an increase of 123 over the previous year.

Two hundred and eight non-Chinese couples decided that double-harness was better than celibacy.

Twenty-four couples took out special licences—each costs \$50—and 207 couples were married by the Registrar. Two hundred and thirty-one couples had Church weddings.

One poignant feature of the Report is the fact that death was the witness in two marriages, under Section 2 of the 1893 Ordinance. These weddings, sometimes known as "death-bed weddings," are officially termed Marriages in Article Mortis. One took place in St. Paul's Hospital, Causeway Bay and the second in King's Terrace, Kowloon.

52 Colony Pilots

In 1938 there were 52 licences issued to pilots in the Colony and six licences to commercial pilots.

Six registration certificates were issued for planes.

The Services

Regular services from Kai Tak were maintained by:

Imperial Airways, Ltd. twice weekly to Bangkok connecting with the England-Australia trunk route. Air France, once weekly to Paris, via Hanoi. Pan American Airways once weekly to San Francisco via Manila. China National Aviation Corporation and Eurasia Aviation Corporation to Kweilin and Chungking.

Effect Of War

On the morning of the 24th August a Douglas D.C.2 air liner of C.N.A.C., outward bound, was forced down by Japanese aircraft 30 minutes after leaving Hongkong. The American pilot, Chinese radio operator and one passenger escaped but the remaining 14 passengers were either killed by machine gun bullets or drowned when the aircraft sank in the river on which it had been forced to descend.

A Junkers J.U.-52 aircraft of Eurasia was fired at by Japanese machines when flying from Hongkong to Luchow on 6th September. The aircraft was hit by 10 bullets but there were no casualties and the journey was safely completed.

Boat Blockade

These incidents led to the temporary suspension of the services until night flying operations were inaugurated. C.N.A.C. and Eurasia now operate in and out of Hongkong entirely between sunset and sunrise.

The fall of Hankow and Canton to the Japanese entailed the abandonment of air services to these towns, but very heavy loads of passengers and mails are carried to those places in China still accessible by air.

Flying Training School

The Far East school maintained a fleet of five aeroplanes during the year which flew a total of 1,000 hours, including the training of the Air Arm of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, six Reserve of Air Force Officers and 28 pupils for flying licences, and 100 hours for Army Co-operation purposes. Twenty-six Government certificates were awarded to pupils of the engineering section of the company.

New Equipment

A new 1,200,000 c.p. floodlight has been installed on the north boundary of the landing area to replace the one destroyed in the typhoon of September, 1937.

Report Tells Of War After 8 Months

THE TANGIBLE effect of the Japanese invasion of South China upon the operations of the Kowloon-Canton Railway is vividly described in the Railway's annual report, issued to-day.

It shows that not only did the invasion on October 12 cause complete disruption of the through service to Canton, but that on the morning of the invasion a small masonry bridge between Wang Lik and Sheung Ping, some 37 miles north of the border was damaged by hostile aircraft, which resulted in six carriages and 20 wagons owned by the British section being detained in Chinese territory, while 15 locomotives, 24 carriages, 242 wagons, and a 30-ton crane, belonging to various Chinese railways were held in British territory.

Various structures on the Chinese section were demolished by the Chinese military forces during their retreat north. The more important of these, in order of mileage, were the Tong Tou Ha river bridge (four spans each of 40 feet), the East River south channel bridge at Sheklung (four spans each of 224 feet and two spans each of 60 feet), the East River north channel bridge (three spans of 224 feet and two spans each of 100 feet, and two spans each of 60 feet). These bridges are located 20, 48, 49, and 54 miles north of the border respectively.

As far as can be ascertained, parts of the super-structures, and not the sub-structures, have been damaged.

Bombed Regularly

The Chinese section of the line was bombed regularly by Japanese aircraft during the first nine and a half months of the year, adds the report.

Altogether 1,490 bombs dropped from 718 planes in 187 raids on 103 different days. The suspension of traffic caused by these attacks aggregated only 10 days, or three and a half per cent. of the total period.

Statistics kept since the first air raid took place on October 14, 1937 disclose that the estimated damage per bomb amounted to \$330 in Chinese national currency, and that 83 per cent. of the 2,216 bombs dropped did no harm to the railway.

The experience gained as a result of these raids confirms the opinions expressed by Dr. Ing K. Remy, President of the Reichsbahnverwaltung, Cologne, at the Fourth International Rail Congress held at Dusseldorf, Germany.

Commenting on the great value of railways in defence, he said: "Railways, though possibly hampered in their operations cannot be vitally wounded or finally eliminated by a series of destructive attacks."

Two wagons and four goods wagons, owned by the British section, were damaged during the air raids, and were subsequently repaired. It is believed that another wagon was practically destroyed, although the report has not yet been confirmed.

Operating efficiency deteriorated considerably due to the aerial attacks.

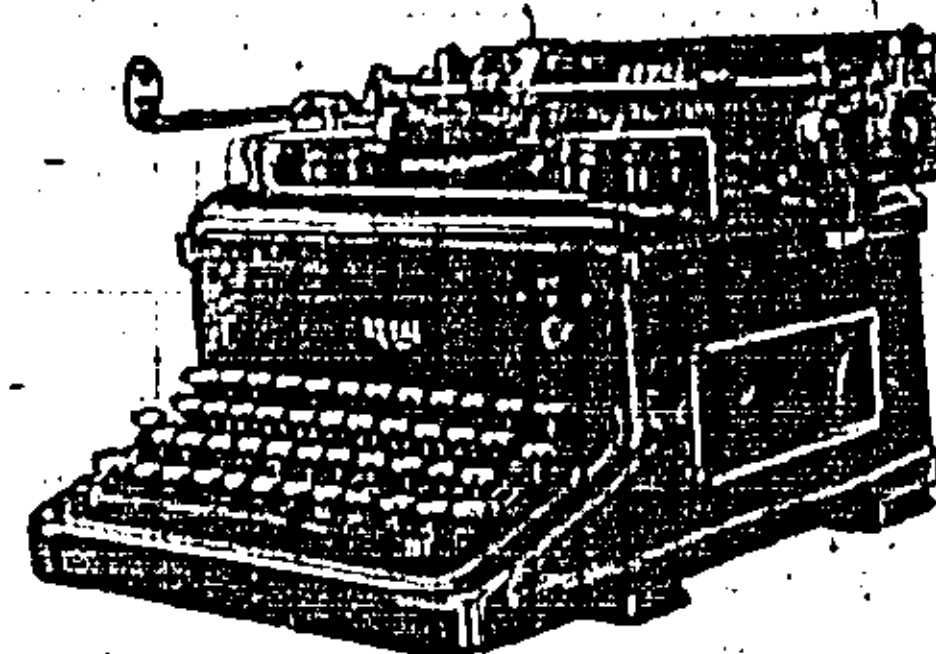
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A VERY wet and annoyed police sergeant stamped into the Traffic Office at Police Headquarters shortly before 9 o'clock this morning.

Sergeant J. Harris, of Police Headquarters, is the owner of a Morris Villi No. 3245.

Of course, what we should have said is that Sergeant Harris was the owner of a Morris car.

Because, when Sergeant Harris left his quarters at the Park Road Police Quarters at 8 o'clock this morning, he walked. Someone had stolen his car!

Colony's Decline As Big Shipping Port

The year 1938 showed a further decrease in the amount of shipping using the port of Hongkong. During the year 6,250 less ships entered and cleared the port, than in 1937, involving a tonnage decrease of 686,004.

These figures are given in the report of the Harbour Master, Commander G. F. Hole, tabled in Legislative Council this afternoon.

Vessels employed in foreign trade entering and clearing showed a net decrease of 9,112 vessels and 6,661,340 tons, while local shipping showed a net increase of 2,862 vessels, but a decrease of 206,064 tons. British ocean-going shipping showed a decrease of 326 in numbers with a decrease of 312,450 tons. Foreign ocean-going shipping showed a decrease of 2,070 vessels, with a decrease of 5,133,209 tons. "This large decrease," states the report, "is due to the complete cessation of Chinese shipping for the full year and the large decrease of Japanese shipping due to the Sino-Japanese conflict."

River Trade
"The River-steamers trade shows a net decrease of 915 vessels and 212,044 tons. Foreign river-steamers have decreased by 1,101 in numbers and 614,251 tons, but British river-steamers have increased by 276 vessels and 402,207 tons—there being two more vessels put on the Hongkong to Macao service," the Report states.

The Sino-Japanese conflict is also blamed for a decrease in the junk trade. The import and export trade involved 133 less junk visits than in 1937 and the handling of 1,141,842 less tons.

Steamships under 60 tons showed a numerical decrease of 2,497 and a tonnage decrease of 67,359. Three hundred and seven steam launches, or a tonnage of 1,094, were engaged in local trade.

On December 31, 1938, there were 223 launches and 200 motor boats employed in the harbour; of these 352 were licensed for the conveyance of passengers.

There was a decrease of 38,055 tons in the amount of bunker coal shipped and a decrease of 415 tons in shipments of fuel oil.

Forty-nine ships were registered under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts and 17 certificates of registry were cancelled. The fees collected amounted to \$2,969.00 as compared with \$1,110.00 in 1937.

An increase is revealed in the work of the Government Marine Surveyor and his staff. Vessels surveyed for passenger certificates in 1938 totalled 97 of 407,428 tons gross as compared with 92 of 374,000 tons gross in 1937, showing an increase of five vessels and 22,532 tons. Forty-nine vessels were surveyed at Tsimsho Docks, 39 at Kowloon Dockyard, one at W. S. Bailey's Dockyard, three at the Cosmopolitan Dockyard, four at Chinese shipyards, and two in Japan.

Silverware valued at \$25 was stolen from the residence of Mr. W. E. Rickwood, No. 370 The Peak, on May 2.

BALANCE IN EUROPE

\$3,568,000 Left In Treasury

ALTHOUGH Hongkong's excess of Assets over Liabilities is shown at \$13,562,235 in the Financial Report for the year 1938, tabled in Legislative Council this afternoon, the actual cash resources of the Colony amounted on December 31 to only \$3,568,221.

The Colony has advanced a total of \$12,003,369 against two loans which will be floated in the future. A Dollar loan for \$11,000,000 has already been authorised by Legislative Council and will, presumably, be floated at a propitious time. This \$11,000,000 is the balance of the \$25,000,000 loan authorised in 1934, only \$14,000,000 being floated at the time.

In addition to this advance by the Loan, \$1,077,333 has been advanced against a proposed new loan, terms of which have not yet been divulged.

These loans are for the purpose of public works, such as the Jubilee Reservoir, Central Markets, etc.

The system of advancing the Colony's surplus funds instead of floating loans is being continued for the present.

"The liquid resources available appear sufficient to meet the immediate needs, but the necessity of issuing the remainder of the Dollar loan as soon as circumstances require is kept in mind," states the Hon. Mr. S. Calne, in his Annual Report.

German Journalist Must Leave Egypt

CAIRO, May 10.—The expulsion of a German journalist, Paul Schmitz, from Egypt was ordered by the authorities today. It is stated that the action has been taken at the request of the British Embassy on account of reports sent by Schmitz to German newspapers, notably in connection with the recent death of King Ghazi of Iraq, which were calculated to disturb relations between Britain and the Arab countries.—Trans-Ocean.

SWINGS TO THE DEMOCRACIES

By WEBB MILLER and RALPH HEINZEN
United Press Staff Correspondents

PARIS, May 10.

THE BRITISH and French general staffs are confident that if war with the dictator states comes, the margin of superiority by land, sea and in the air is now in their favour and growing more favourable daily.

The five major powers—Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Russia, have among them more than 33,000,000 men either under arms or in reserve—the greatest potential armies ever ready for action in history.

Russia has 18,000,000 trained reserves and men in active service; France has 6,250,000, Italy 6,300,000, Germany 2,200,000 and Britain 550,000.

41,000,000 Men

Allied with the democracies and the dictators are 41,000,000 seasoned troops of secondary Powers, which means that if war comes 41,000,000 men will be available for action.

Europe is speculating on where a war will be fought if it does come and how the ideological blocs will line up the start. Eventually, there seems little doubt that nearly all the nations would be forced in.

Mediterranean Venue

In event of a conflict, military experts believe the main theatres of war would be the Mediterranean, North Africa and possibly northern Italy.

The French Maginot and German Siegfried lines are so strong that possibly neither country would risk sacrificing a million men in an attempt to break through there.

France might try to penetrate northern Italy through the Alps and strike Germany along the Brenner Pass and Germany might attempt the same thing in reverse.

A major feature of such a war would be action at sea and in the air.

In event of a general outbreak of fighting, there would be prospect of military action along the traditionally "untouchable frontiers" of small nations from the North Sea to the Red Sea, the experts agree.

Alps Barrier

The Alps have been a barrier to invasion between France and Italy throughout history, although Hannibal and Napoleon both got through, and France might attempt it in the southern Alps.

France's formidable fortifications in the Alps and Italy likewise on her side.

On the only common frontier between French and Italian interests—the 100-mile long frontier across the sandy desert between Tunisia and Libya, French engineers have built the Maginot line as a miniature reproduction of the Maginot line.

Hence experts doubt whether there will be any attempt by the major powers to strike direct blows. That explains the anxiety among the three smaller powers which have the geographic misfortune of being natural corridors used for centuries by invaders—Switzerland, Holland and Belgium.

Dutch Flood Threats

Proof of the determination of the smaller powers to maintain their neutrality and defend their frontiers is furnished by the Dutch threat to cut their dikes and flood one-third of the lowlands; the Rumanian menace of setting fire to their oil wells to prevent them from falling into German hands, and the Swiss readiness to explode mines planted along the frontiers and blow the Alpine cliffs into the valleys to block invaders.

With the frontiers so well defended to the east and south-east, the French hope to avoid the destruction of 1914. But the wide open Pyrenean Spanish frontier has suddenly become a serious menace to French security. It becomes increasingly evident that Gen. Franco will be closely allied—morally if not militarily—with the two dictator who helped him win the civil war.

Franco's Aid

Italy has not attempted to hide the fact that if the rival blocs clash, Italy will be in a position to exploit the situation.

R. A. F. Ban On S'pore Youths Leads To Questions In The Commons

LONDON, May 10.—A question with regard to two boys from Singapore who volunteered for the Royal Air Force and were rejected because they were not of pure British descent on both sides, was asked in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. Creech Jones.

Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, in a written reply, said it had not been possible to identify the cases mentioned from the particulars given, but the regulation was that applicants for enlistment in the air force must be of pure European descent and also British subjects, and the sons of parents who were both British subjects.

He did not think it would be desirable to modify this regulation.—Reuter.

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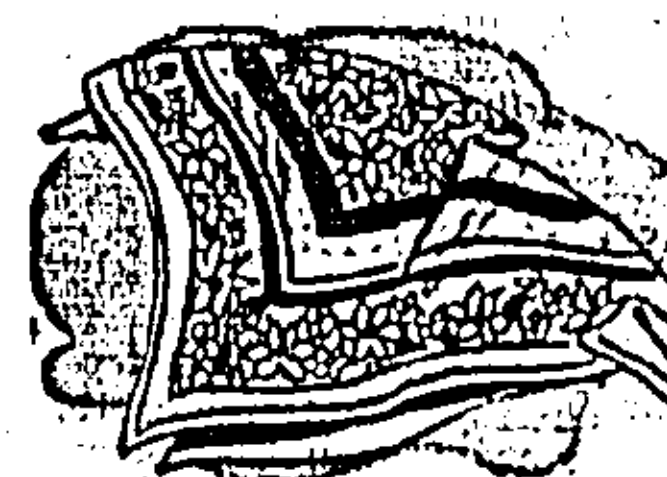
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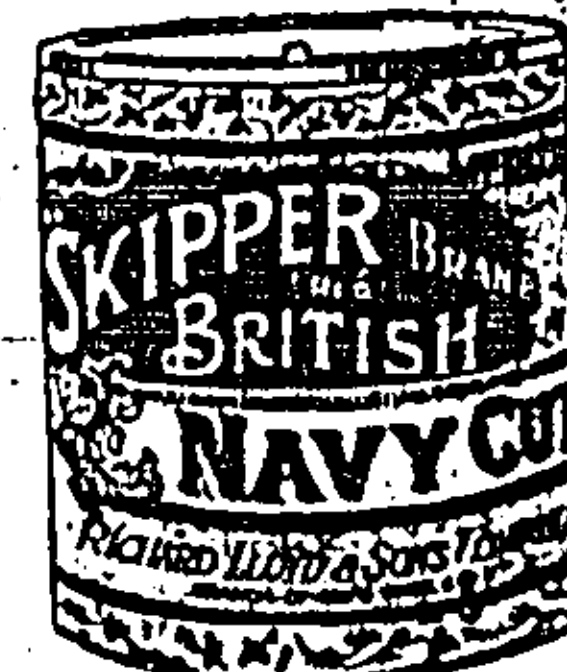
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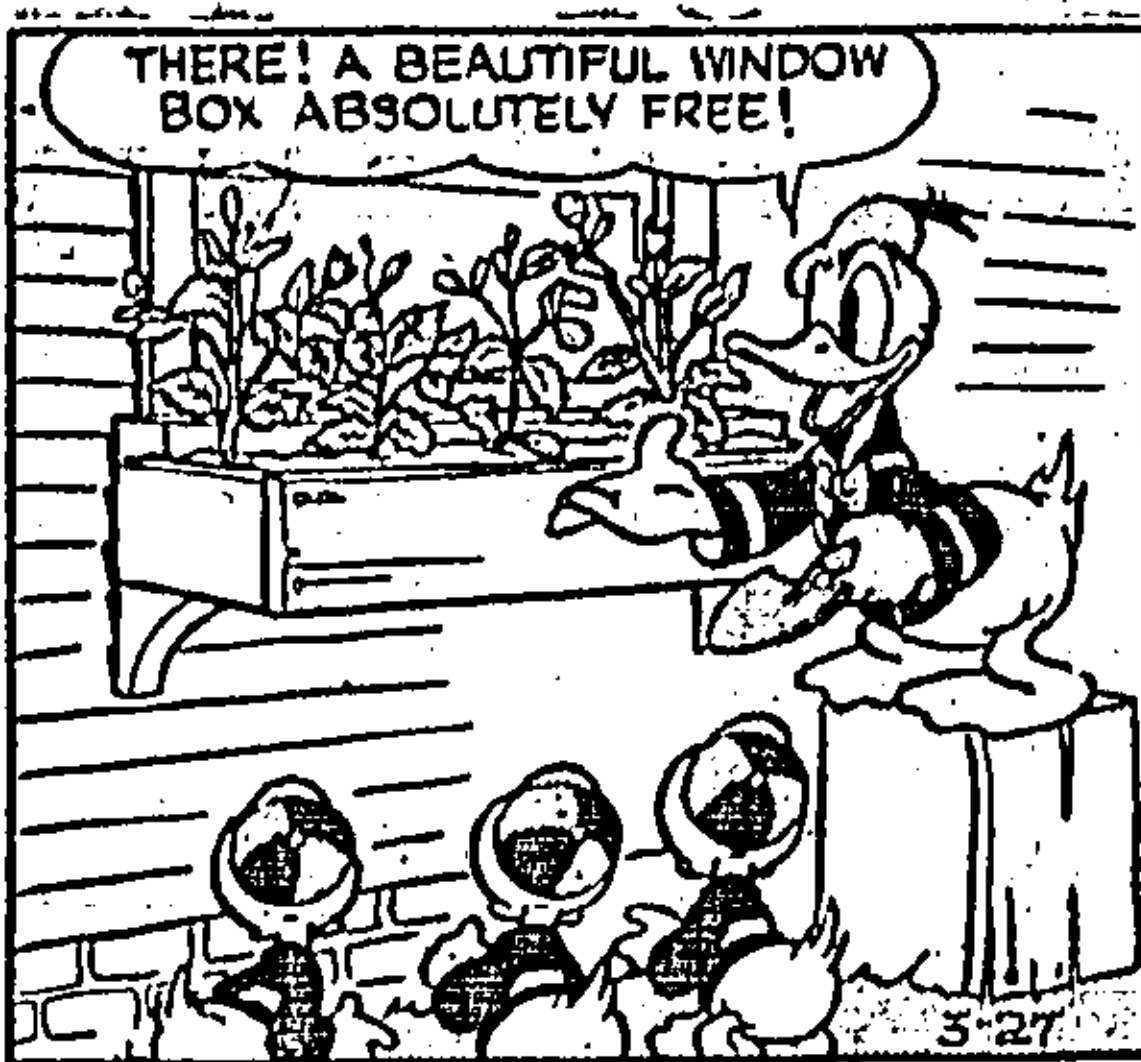
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Highest Revenue In History Wipes Out Deficit HONGKONG FINANCES SET NEW RECORD DURING 1938

K.C.R. Shows Loss Of Traffic Through War

IF THE THROUGH goods traffic on the Kowloon-Canton railway showed astonishing increases during 1938, it is equally certain that the through passenger traffic suffered.

The total number of passengers using the terminal through traffic and the sectional through traffic facilities during the year was only 791,347 as compared with 1,702,225 in 1937, and 1,732,675 in 1936.

Receipts showed corresponding declines, the terminal through traffic yielding \$220,487 as compared with \$437,073 in 1937 and \$425,000 in 1936, while the sectional through traffic produced \$83,347 as against \$175,311, and \$143,121.

Nearly 5,000 passengers used the Hongkong-Hankow line while it operated between July 14 and August 11, and September 19 to October 12, while the number of parcels carried on this route was 34,493.

Offsetting the losses on through passenger traffic, local passenger receipts rose from \$300,700 to \$400,344 or 33.4 per cent. The improvement was mainly due to the influx of refugees into the Colony, many of whom settled in the New Territories. Another major cause was the considerable movement of villagers from adjacent Chinese territory to and from the Colony which took place for trading purposes after the suspension of through traffic. In this connection, it is interesting to note that local passenger receipts during the last two months of the year amount to \$131,000, or 27.4 per cent, of the total for the whole year.

Bus Versus Rail

The withdrawal of the bus service between Tai Po Market and Fanling

and the substitution of an equivalent rail service also contributed towards the increase in local passenger service. On May 1 a rail-bus shuttle service was inaugurated. Up to the end of the year 51,255 passengers were carried, the revenue amounting to \$4,223.95. In addition receipts from ordinary trains between Tai Po Market and Fanling increased by \$3,256.92, or 38.45 per cent.

Referring to the operating of the lines, the report says that to cater for the large volume of through goods traffic, it was necessary to run 2,034 special freight trains between January 1 and October 12, an average of more than seven a day.

The average number of trains per day from January 1 to October 11 was 30, after which, due to the suspension of through traffic, the number was reduced to 19.

Local goods train mileage increased from 20,000 to 35,092.

In addition to the 2,034 special freight trains, 98 special passenger trains were run during the year, 81 of these catering for through traffic, and 17 for local traffic.

FEWER CROWN LEASES IN H. K. LAST YEAR

A decrease of Crown Leases during 1938 is shown in the Report of the Land Officer, issued to-day.

Crown Leases issued during 1938 totalled 620, as against 742 in 1937. This figure is the lowest recorded since 1935.

Crown Leases granted during 1938 are shown as follows:

Amazing Plot In Africa

Attempt To Seize British Territory

SWAKOPMUND, May 10.—

The British intelligence service has discovered a far-reaching plot for seizing positions in South-West Africa, according to Mr. Lardner Burke, leader of the English-speaking community, and a prominent member of the Legislative Assembly.

In a speech here, Mr. Burke declared that the South African police which had recently been despatched to South-West Africa by General Smuts, arrived in the nick of time to save the territory from fighting and bloodshed. —*Reuter.*

Victoria Marine (1), Victoria Island (311), Rural Building (6), Victoria Garden (2), Aberdeen Inland (5), Kowloon Marine (1), Kowloon Inland (110), New Kowloon Inland (83), New Kowloon Dairy Farm (1). The lowest number of Crown Leases granted was recorded in 1920 with the figure 242, whilst the highest number granted was 938 in 1932.

Despite an increase in expenditure of \$3,700,340 above the estimated expenditure of \$33,370,549, the Hongkong Government was able to turn an estimated deficit of \$3,124,626 into a deficit of only \$440,043, the Financial Report of the Colony reveals to-day.

The Report was tabled in Legislative Council this afternoon.

The increase in expenditure was more than offset by an amazing increase in revenue, the Report discloses.

Revenue, estimated at \$30,254,020, was actually \$36,735,855—the highest in the Colony's history.

As a result of this satisfactory position, the Colony's Surplus of Assets over Liabilities was reduced to only \$13,562,235, compared with an estimated reduction to approximately nine million dollars.

War Causes Boom

"The increase in both revenue and expenditure was almost wholly due to the special conditions arising out of the Sino-Japanese conflict," the Hon. Mr. S. Caine, Financial Secretary, states in the Report.

"The special activity in trade, due to the diversion of a much increased proportion of China's trade to ports trading through Hongkong, which commenced towards the end of 1937, continued during the greater part of 1938, that is, until the Japanese invasion of South China.

"The increase of the Colony's population owing to the influx of refugees continued with some fluctuations throughout the year.

Canton Occupation

"The Japanese occupation of Canton in October caused some slackening of trade activity, but increased the stream of refugees, and up to the end of 1938 no decline in revenue receipts was perceptible.

"Most of the principal sources of revenue show a substantial increase. The number of vacant tenements fell to practically nil and receipts from rates were correspondingly higher than in 1937.

"Liquor and tobacco duties show very large increases and many other items, such as entertainment and betting tax and royalties payable by transport companies, which are affected by the magnitude of the population, rose accordingly.

"Receipts from land sales rose with the demand for new building and reached the highest level since 1932.

Supplementary Votes

"The situation in China and its repercussions on the Colony, particularly the incursion of increasing numbers of destitute or semi-destitute refugees, caused also considerable increases of expenditure.

"In all, supplementary votes for a total of \$5,430,507 were approved by the Legislative Council and the Secretary of State.

"The following analysis of these shows the main categories of this supplementary expenditure:

1.—Accounting adjustments	\$1,376,083
2.—Revotes of provisions in previous estimates	188,228
3.—Excesses on approved votes	374,014
4.—Excesses on provisions for pensions and passages of Government servants	430,164
5.—Post Office—increases due to introduction of air mail, etc.	275,000
6.—Emergency expenses—Epidemics of disease	327,377
Relief of Refugees	804,802
Other emergency expenditure	407,535
7.—Typhoon damage	417,550
8.—New Government quarters, and resumptions	273,000
9.—Other expenditure	400,034
	\$5,430,507

"It will be seen that a large proportion of these votes resulted from the emergency situation, directly or indirectly, including the epidemics of disease which led to a largely increased expenditure by the Medical Department.

"Much of the supplementary expenditure which cannot be definitely attributed to the emergency was indirectly affected by it and the supplementary votes included practically nothing in the way of definitely new services.

Immediate Future Prospects

The annual report of the Kowloon-Canton Railway is very cautious concerning the prospects during the current year.

The prospects, says the report, are, however, in the anomalous conditions prevailing in South China.

Even if operations are confined to British territory, it is highly probable that income will exceed expenditure by a small margin.

When normality has been regained, however, it is confidently expected that the British Section will play an important part in the progressive development of the vast hinterland by providing a vital transportation link between the Chinese railway system to which it is connected, and deep sea shipping.

New Revenue Records Established By K. C. R.

DESPITE the suspension of through traffic after October 12, the railway experienced a record year.

These words, which appear in the annual report of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, tabled in Legislative Council to-day, graphically summarise the remarkable 12 months experienced by the railway during 1938.

It is revealed that but for the unexpected stoppage of through traffic for the last 81 days of the year, the net operating revenue would have exceeded the £1,000,000 mark.

As it was, new high records were established both in receipts and net operating revenue, the former totalling £1,601,883.32 as compared with £1,331,408.72 the previous year, and the latter aggregating \$32,418.48 as compared with \$30,655.30.

Railway activities throughout the period under review were dominated by the Sino-Japanese conflict, says the report.

The year opened full of promise, due to the unparalleled growth of through goods traffic, and closed gloomily owing to the contraction of operations to the local service.

Many Difficult Problems

The railway was called upon to solve many difficult problems in order to cope with the abnormal conditions prevailing for the greater part of the year, not the least among them being the utilisation to the best advantage, of an organisation which had been built up to cater primarily for passenger traffic. A heavy strain was put upon the resources of the Department, calling for the utmost "use" of rolling stock and a maximum expenditure of £11,247,000.

Operating expenditure was \$909,464.84 compared with \$894,533.42 last year. The increase is accounted for largely by the marked advance in the average price of coal which rose from \$12.44 to \$21.98 per ton, and affecting running costs to the extent of \$110,068.37.

Despite this, and other factors already indicated, peak earnings were secured from goods traffic, rents, incidental revenue on the foreign line and ancillary works. These sources, which are given in order of magnitude, contributed 11,247,000 to the estimated revenue respectively. The wide divergence between receipts and estimates, adds the report, is attributable to the fact that the Sino-Japanese hostilities were not envisaged when the latter were prepared.

The outstanding traffic feature of the year was the phenomenal growth of through goods traffic. Railings aggregated 466,140 tons compared with 110,430 tons in 1937, and 60,732 tons in 1936, corresponding revenue being \$621,767.20, compared with \$167,550.47 and \$44,004.03.

Local passenger receipts appreciated to the extent of 61.74 per cent. This substantial growth is ascribable to the increase in resident population caused by the influx of refugees from China. The gain during the first nine and a half months of the year approximated 80 per cent, and during the last two and half months it was 148 per cent.

At the end of May 20, new all-steel covered wagons were purchased from the Chinese Ministry of Communications at particularly favourable rates. These wagons have a capacity of 40 tons and were made in Belgium. Their acquisition eased considerably the acute shortage of stock available for the carriage of commercial goods.

As a result of negotiations with Hankow, the allotment of wagons for the conveyance of commercial cargo was increased by 50 per cent, and a bi-weekly through passenger service

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See Here, Thy Flow'et (Carmen—Bizet)...with Members of La Scala Orchestra; Milan cond. by Franco Ghione.
7.25 Studio—Concert by Gilbert Mullen (Piano) and George Bralley (Violin).

1. (a) Minuetto All-antico (Karganoff), (b) Melodie (Friml)...Violin and Piano; 2. Piano Medley; Intro: Deep Purple; The Very Thought of You (Angry); 3. (a) Inspiration (Edwards), (b) Romance (Karganoff)...Piano and Violin.

9 Studio—"Backstage in Hongkong"—2.

Production by Adam Charles.
9.15 London Relay—"The News."
9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs," by H. B. Butler, C.S., Warden of Nuffield College, Oxford.
9.45 London Relay—"Sports News and Market Notes."
9.50 Puccini's "Madam Butterfly" Intermezzo and Act III.

M. Sheridan (Soprano); L. Manarini (Tenor); L. Ceeil (Tenor); N. Palai (Tenor); V. Weinberg (Baritone); and Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan, cond. by Carlo Sabajno.

10.23 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

Pique Dame—Overture (Supper, Winterbottom)...The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Lieut. Evans; Room for The Factotum (Barber Of Seville—Rossini)...Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra; "The Sorcerer" Selection (Sullivan) "Trial By Jury" Selection (Sullivan)...The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Lieut. J. C. Windram; Where's The Sergeant? (Longstaffe); Tommy Lad (Teschmacher—Margeson)...Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.

11 Close Down.

New C. In C. For French Squadron

HANOI, May 10.—Vice-Admiral Le Bigot, has been replaced as Commander-in-Chief of the French Far Eastern Fleet by Vice-Admiral Decoux, while Vice-Admiral Petit, Commander of the French Indo-China Fleet, has been replaced by Vice-Admiral Terraux.

The two new naval commanders arrived at Saigon on May 5 aboard the M. M. liner President Doumer and received their seals of office from their predecessors aboard the Lamotte Picquet, flagship of the French Far Eastern Fleet.—*Domei.*

U.S. Warships Due

Five American submarines and the mother-ship U.S.S. Canopus are expected in Hongkong to-day from Manila.

The American ships are on a training cruise and will stay here for four or five days. A cocktail party for the officers is to be held aboard H.M.S. Medway this afternoon.

The U.S.S. Mindanao is now in Kowloon dock undergoing annual overhaul and will leave for Canton on May 22.

Japan Reduces War Risk Rates

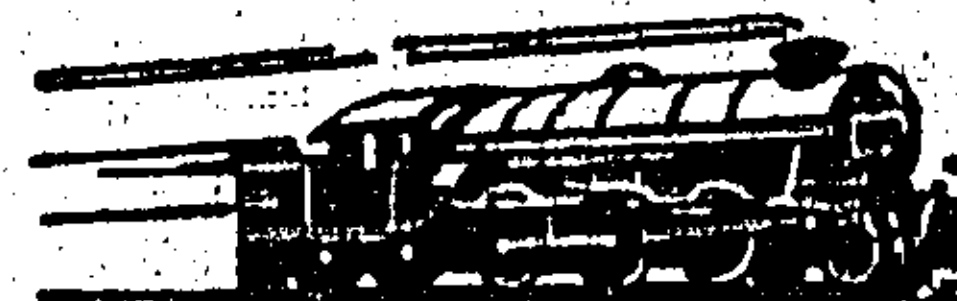
TOKYO, May 11.—Apparently reflecting the latest situation in Europe, the Japan Underwriters' Association yesterday decided to reduce war risk rates by half a yen to one yen for outgoing and incoming shipments through the Mediterranean.

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Russia's Part

WHAT IS the exact significance of the British counter-proposals to Soviet Russia, as revealed in an official communiqué received from "Reuter's" Correspondent in Moscow, and subsequently in Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons.

The proposals appear so astounding that we may be pardoned for wondering whether there has not been a misinterpretation.

It appears that, without granting to Soviet Russia specific reciprocal assurances of aid against Russia's European enemies, Britain desires an assurance from the U.S.S.R. that she will come to the aid of Britain and France if they are attacked.

If that interpretation is correct, and if it is Mr. Chamberlain's last word, it can only mean that the Premier does not want an alliance with the Soviets. No other construction can be placed on a proposition so fore-doomed to failure.

Russia has everything to lose, nothing to gain, by entering such an alliance.

Britain truly is pursuing an amazing course with regard to the Soviet.

It is over a month since Mr. Chamberlain announced that "negotiations were in progress". Each day the evidence mounts that contacts, between the two countries have not been as close or as frequent as they should have been.

What is needed is the fullest and frankest exchange of views. That exchange can best be undertaken by a meeting of Foreign Ministers—unless, as "John Blunt" suggests elsewhere on this page, Mr. Chamberlain is prepared to make as dramatic a gesture in the cause of appeasement and will arrange for immediate personal contacts with Mr. Stalin.

Such a meeting at this stage would have immensely important results for the world.

In any event, it is clear that Britain, if the Premier pursues his present policy, is in danger of losing Russia as an ally.

Mr. Chamberlain has himself to thank for the suspicions that have arisen regarding Britain's intent. There is a deep, understandable, and on its past record of pandering to the Totalitarians, absolutely justifiable suspicion of the real intentions of the Government and its real attitude to Russia. Who can blame Russia for sharing that suspicion?

Kind words won't remove it. There has got to be action if Britain is not to find herself again out-maneuvred by the Totalitarians.

Abyssinia, Spain, Austria, the Sudetenland, Bohemia and Moravia, Memel, Poland. They have all been victory for the dictators, defeat for democracy. If we lose the diplomatic war that is in progress throughout Europe there are going to be others.

NEWS-MAP OF THE WEEK
Commentator: Emrys Jones
Baltic
Query
Mark

HITLER'S plan to make restored Memel a Nazi naval base, designed to bottle up the Soviet Fleet, casts a shadow over the Baltic, increases the nerves in the countries surrounding that sea.

Look at the Baltic Sea, look at its shape to start with, and note that here is the place for a great naval dog-fight if ever there was one.

From our point of view the key to the Baltic, of course, lies in the North Sea. First, Heligoland, that famous island, we swapped with Germany, is, so the House of Commons was told now highly fortified.

Moving from west to east, consider the strategic points of the Baltic: consider them, for, with Nazi dominance in the Baltic, the Scandinavian countries, as well as Latvia and Estonia, can begin wondering how long they can maintain their traditional neutrality.

So, from Heligoland, go through the Kiel Canal. There Hitler's men are deepening the canal, building higher the bridges, so that the German Fleet can move easily into the North Sea.

You may take it, in the event of war, that Heligoland and Kiel will not be the only defences of Germany.

The west coast of Denmark, the coast that faces England, is also fortified, and the chances are that in war time the Germans would overrun that country to get hold of the fortifications.

Only Way Out

NOW look at that narrow channel, called the Sound, that separates Denmark and Sweden. There, naval commanders are up against a different proposition, for the Swedes, for some time now, have been proving themselves tough against Nazi advances.

Indeed, if the Swedes had their way they might form a Scandinavian bloc against Germany. Yet, if Kiel were bombed—and you have to destroy only one lock to wreck a canal—that narrow channel, the Sound, between Denmark and Sweden is the only way out of the Baltic, and ships in it are at the mercy of guns and bombs on the Swedish coast.

Under the pressure of the events of 1938, Danish Prime Minister Stauning had to confirm that he had talks in Stockholm on the question of erecting strong fortifications on both sides of the three-miles wide Sound.

Still going east, the next point is Memel, now Hitler's. In the past, he planned to make a new Heligoland, and from there he hopes to be able to bottle up the Soviet Fleet in the Eastern Baltic. However, naval bases are not built in a day.

Watch These Islands

LOOK north from Memel to the middle of the entrance to the Gulf of Bothnia. Here is one of the most exciting spots in the Baltic.

Situated between Sweden and Finland, the islands, by a convention of 1921, were declared neutral and demilitarised.

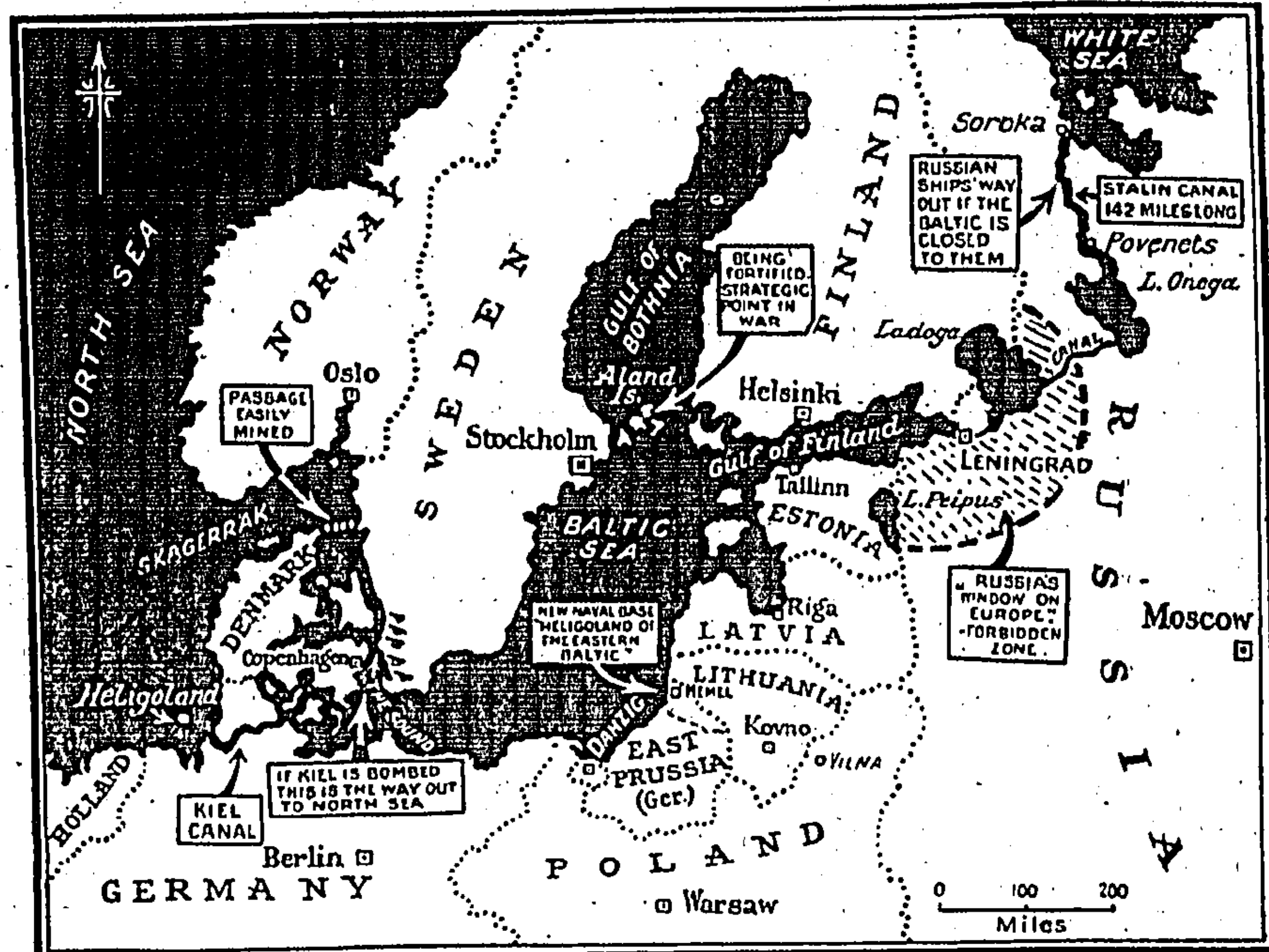
Now these islands are of first-class strategic importance in the Baltic. Long before the September crisis it was held that if Germany and Russia went to war it would be a race between the two countries for the possession of the Aland Islands.

In the first weeks of January this year, the Finns and Swedes agreed to a remilitarisation of the islands, military service for the islands, and now that become more necessary than ever as Hitler plans a new Heligoland at Memel.

Meanwhile, on their side facing the Aland Islands, the Swedes are said to be busily fortifying, so that if some Power (probably Russia or Germany) ever captured the islands the Swedes will have a second line of protection as the bombers fly over to Stockholm.

Stalin Canal

NOW Hitler's creation of Memel will not succeed in bottling up the Soviet Fleet in the Baltic. True, Russia in the Baltic has only a "small window looking



Dr. F. W. NORWOOD:
"Why I am
leaving
England"

ONE of England's most famous preachers has just sailed with his wife for Canada to start a new job.

What makes a man set out at 63 on such a venture? What will be his thoughts as he leans over the boat rail, and England, his family, and his friends slip out of sight? Let's have a look at the man and his job, and maybe we shall see.

The man is Frederick William Norwood (Dr. Norwood, of the City Temple). The job he is going to is a big one—the pastorate of a church in Vancouver with a congregation of 1,700.

Dr. Norwood talked to me as he waited for his grown-up children to come to a last family party. He told me why he was leaving England.

It was one of the most remarkable interviews I have ever had, for Dr. Norwood is a realist. He hates false sentiment.

"I've been called a roamer; a gypsy, a man who can't keep still," he said with a quizzical smile. "But that isn't true. Remember, I've been preaching in England for 22 years, and that's a mighty long time."

"In my holidays I have travelled a lot because I like breaking fresh ground. Now I'm starting out for Canada and I feel just the same as any young man who is about to start a new job. I love Canada, and no doubt I'll settle there."

HIS voice warmed; the years seemed to slip away. "It will be a grand job. They have been trying for a long time to get me to go. I've put it off because of the crisis; I thought I should be here if war did come."

"Last September we sailed back from America. We thought we were sailing into war. Now—well, you can't hold up your life for ever, and I decided to go."

"You see, I've been a long time in England, and after 17 years at the City Temple I determined to give myself time to go campaigning up and down Great Britain; evangelical work."

"It's been a great experience for me, but in a way it's been disappointing. So much confusion in people's minds; a few with any real outlook. The pressure of economic and political forces has been so great that it has driven thoughts of religion out."

"out on Europe," and that is a forbidden zone.

But the Soviet has built a canal joining up the Baltic to the White Sea, so that the Soviet Fleet, if the worst comes to the worst, can leave the Baltic and get into the free oceans by way of the White Sea.

Completed in 1934, the Stalin Canal as they call it, is 142 miles long, compared with the Suez, which is 102 miles, and the Panama 80.

It was built primarily to ship lumber from the northern regions to make the passage 8½ days instead of the 17 round Scandinavia. But now, with Hitler's bid for dominance in the Baltic, the canal assumes an immense strategic importance.

WHAT IS
BRITAIN'S
POLICY?
asks
JOHN BLUNT

IT IS becoming increasingly apparent—if the opinion of "the man in the street" is to be taken into account—that the British Government's handling of the events of to-day, especially as far as Russia is concerned, is causing quite a lot of criticism.

That the problems which have confronted the Government during the last twelve months have been tremendous, none will deny; but the feeling is steadily growing that the time for vacillation has long past, and that a strong and courageous leader is of vital importance in order to maintain the confidence of the people.

The unsatisfactory delay in coming to an understanding with Russia causes some apprehension. It is true that there was a time when Russia was considered to be the bad boy of the world, but it is equally true that for some years now, Russia has practically ceased to meddle with other people's affairs.

It stands to reason that the Powers who have professed the desire to maintain Peace at all costs, and who are undoubtedly sincere in their aim, cannot afford to leave Russia out of such a collective front.

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IF, INSTEAD of all the parleying between the two Powers, Mr. Chamberlain had taken it upon himself to visit Moscow, and there have discussed in a friendly spirit the doubts and hopes he held as to Russia's sincerity and desire for Peace, the suspicious which obviously obtain at the moment, might well have been dissipated weeks ago.

After all, if he could visit Hitler, why not pay the same courtesy to the Dictator of Russia? I for one feel that he would not have made his visit in vain, and that the Peace front would have been tremendously strengthened.

There is, perhaps not unnatural feeling, that Russia's part in Russia's present, and that the hesitancy which has been displayed by Britain of recent months, is due to the fear of the price which would be expected in repayment of Russian co-operation.

That aspect has, I feel convinced, been grossly exaggerated.

Whatever may be Russia's internal policy, we have within the last few years shown eagerness to conclude trade agreements with her. If she is sufficiently honourable to enter into trade pacts with, surely we can take a chance that she will keep her word in helping to avoid war.

After all, we are not asking Russia to go to war with any nation.

All we require is her assurance that should any other nation commence a war of aggression, she will instantly join those who are determined to check and punish those responsible.

In any case, there is precious little to choose between Nazism and Communism, but there is every reason why we should join hands to-day with any "ism" which pledges PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

Graham
Stanford

British Policy Is Praised

Tribute By Australian Premier

LONDON, May 10. **CONSIDERABLE** interest is shown in London in reports of the speech of the Australian Premier yesterday in the debate on foreign affairs in the House of Representatives at Canberra.

Mr. Menzies spoke of the magnificent example of the forebearance set by the United Kingdom in the last two years in dealing with European affairs. An endeavour had been made to understand and show patience, but unfortunately the display of patience and goodwill had not secured the response it should have.

The Australian Prime Minister's interpretation of the policy now being pursued by the United Kingdom Government has special interest, because it is at once authoritative, owing to the arrangements by which the dominion governments are kept fully and continuously informed by Whitehall, and detached owing both to the constitutional position of the members of the Commonwealth and Australia's remoteness from events in Europe.

BASIS OF BRITISH POLICY
Mr. Menzies emphasised the basis of British policy was that if grievances were to be examined, it should be, not at the point of the sword, but at the conference table. There were, he said, no grievances or claims which the democratic countries were not prepared to examine without prejudice. If dictatorialships refused to confer then, if war came, in Mr. Menzies' opinion the whole world would know by whose aggression it had come.

Earlier in the debate the Minister for External Affairs, Sir Henry Gullitt, had stated that independent as the two governments were, and each not committed by the action of the other, there was, nevertheless, in the present circumstances, complete unanimity between the Commonwealth and United Kingdom governments on the action taken by the latter in a spirit, as he put it, consistent with his leading place in the world, to try to bring about a temporary unity of outlook among countries threatened by further aggression.

Reports state that in the debate the Opposition leader, Mr. Curtin, expressed approval of Sir Henry Gullitt's statement.—British Wireless.

Early Morning Deluge Brings 4 Inches Rain

A deluge in the early hours of this morning, and a further steady downpour between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. which produced 1.40 inches, enabled the Colony reservoirs during the past 24 hours to benefit from close on four inches of rain.

The actual rainfall was 3.76 inches, which not only gives an aggregate for the year of 24.39 inches—over 10 inches above average—but materially assists in providing the normal 11 inches for the month of May.

Most of the rain during the past 24 hours fell very early this morning, but the hourly figures since 5 a.m. are given by the Royal Observatory as follows: at 6 a.m.—.005 inch, at 7 a.m.—.055, at 8 a.m.—.07, at 9 a.m.—.25, at 10 a.m.—12 inch.

Further rain during the next 24 hours is promised by the local weather forecast which predicts an overcast sky, rain or mist, moderate southerly or variable winds.

Temperatures remained fairly high yesterday, the maximum being 82, and the minimum 73. This morning the temperature was 72 and humidity was 55 per cent.

Japanese Pirate Chinese Junk

Another alleged piracy by Japanese sailors has been reported to the Police by Chan Hau, master of a junk, who states that he was sailing near the San Tin Customs Station on May 9 when he was boarded by 20 Japanese from a motor boat. The men were all armed with rifles and revolvers, and after throwing his licence overboard, proceeded to transfer his cargo of charcoal to their boat. The loss is \$250.

During the raid, he was injured in the hand by a revolver shot.

Conscription Bill Nears Completion

LONDON, May 10.—The Military Conscription Bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons this afternoon.

The chief point in the debate was the date of the final reading. Mr. Churchill urged that the Bill be brought forward before the House, because otherwise the first reading would not begin service until August. Should the Bill pass its third reading before Whitman, the first batch of recruits would be called up in July.—Trans-Ocean.

Four Tit-Bits From Colony's Financial Report

THE total rateable value of the Island of Hongkong, Kowloon and New Kowloon increased by over four per cent. last year, to reach the highest record in seven years of \$36,120,381. The increase since 1937 amounted to \$1,410,092.

The valuation of property in the City of Victoria is the highest in the Colony, standing at \$21,340,021. Property in Kowloon is valued for rating purposes at \$8,118,336 and in New Kowloon at \$2,208,738.

A new valuation of the tenements in Hongkong, Apichau, Kowloon and New Kowloon was made during 1938. The result being an increase of \$1,203,888 over the rateable value obtained by the 1937 re-valuation.

Indicating the overcrowding brought about in the Colony by the influx of war refugees, the Report of the Assessor, tabled in the Legislative Council, stated that the number of floors reported and found vacant during the year averaged only 120 per month, compared with 1,373 per month in 1937.

THE Annual Financial Report, tabled in the Legislative Council this afternoon, discloses that various organisations and people in Hongkong are indebted to the Government to the extent of

Rateable Values Increase 4 Per Cent: \$300,779 Owed To The Treasury: New Memorial Scheme: Duties' Big Increase

\$300,779 for Loans made by the Treasury.

Included in this total is \$145,000 advanced to Government servants. This total is repayable at rates varying from \$100 to \$400 a month.

Among the amounts outstanding are \$38,187, loaned to the Shek-O Development Co. Ltd. until February 2, next year.

A loan of \$175,000 to the Diocesan Boys' School in 1927 has been reduced to \$137,137 by annual repayments.

A loan of \$5,258 to the Hongkong Travel Association in 1936 has been reduced to \$2,058. Loans to civil servants vary from \$7,000 to \$30,000.

THE Annual Financial Return for Hongkong, tabled in the Legislative Council this afternoon, discloses that the total amount re-

ceived from public subscriptions to the proposed King George V Memorial Parks in Hongkong was \$158,368.

This amount has been placed in the Colony's reserve of Assets over Liabilities, pending disposal. The Government has modified the original scheme from the provision of two Memorial Parks.

In place of the scheme, which has now been shelved for over 18 months, plans are now being drawn up for a new arrangement.

The new scheme will still utilise the original sites—the old Government Civil Hospital on the Island and a plot of ground at the junction of Canton and Jordan Roads in Kowloon.

INLAND revenue from Betting Duty, Entertainment Tax, Estate Duty and Stamp Duties increased last year to \$4,104,105, the Annual Report of the Financial Secretary reveals this afternoon.

Betting Tax increased from \$133,047 in 1937 to \$238,274 last year. Entertainment Tax increased from \$238,343 to \$320,027 and Stamp Duties increased from \$2,150,186 to \$2,324,048. A slight decrease was recorded in Estate Duty.

The huge increase in receipts from Betting Tax was due to the enactment in December, 1937 of new rates of taxes.

Scheme For Settling Refugees In British Guiana Outlined

LONDON, May 10.

WHILE TERRITORY offered for the settlement of refugees in British Guiana was not an ideal place for refugees from the middle European countries, and was not considered suitable for immediate large-scale settlement, it undoubtedly possesses potentialities which would fully justify carrying out a trial settlement project on a substantial scale that would make it possible to determine how these potentialities could be realised.

This summarises the conclusions of the commission appointed to enquire into the possibilities of large-scale settlement in British Guiana which were issued to-day in the form of a White Paper.

The commission was of the opinion that the climate and area offered does not preclude the possibility of a white settlement. Severe tropical diseases do not occur with dangerous frequency, and the climate would appear to be suitable to exist, and the present inhabitants would welcome immigration by Europeans.

The report adds that every consideration of health, sanitation, working efficiency and social well-being indicates that the unit of settlement should not be family, but village.

The commission considers that colonists should be chosen from young married couples, from single young men and women of good health and sturdy physique, and that approximately 3,000 to 5,000 people would be required in the first year to man the various projects.

In the area available there were suitable soils for permanent agriculture, and natural resources which make possible correlated industrial development, climate and health conditions making settlement by Europeans feasible.

It is suggested that a number of receiving camps and trial settlements be started at the earliest possible date, with properly equipped technical organisation under competent leadership.

The approximate cost of the trial settlements over a period of two years with a population of 5,000 was estimated at \$3,000,000.—Reuter.

JEWISH PLAN QUERY

LONDON, May 10. The Jewish refugee problem was mentioned in the House of Commons to-day when Mr. J. H. H. Gullitt asked whether a plan to settle 300,000 Hungarian Jews in Palestine had been devised by the Government. Mr. R. A. Butler replied that the Government was not aware that this number of Jews had been, or were to be expelled from Hungary. He then referred to the work of the committee of investigation composed of representatives of England, the United States, and Holland. This group was considering the possibility at the present time of settling Jewish refugees in British Guiana, North Rhodesia, Tanganyika, Dutch Guiana, and the Philippine Islands.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, announced that a Government statement would be made in the near future, but he declined to say whether this would be before Whitman.—Trans-Ocean.

100,000 JEWS IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

Prague, May 10. Almost 100,000 Jews have taken out citizenship papers since the Government having ascertained this fact in the course of the investigation of persons who have become naturalised in Czechoslovakia since the end of the war. It was stated that during this period 100,000 people were immigrated to Czechoslovakia, and had since taken out citizenship papers, and that of this number over 67,000 were Jews from neighbouring States.—Trans-Ocean.

Lost And Found—One Dragon Throne

CLASSIC is the story of the absent-minded professor who put his clothes to bed and hanged himself on a peg-stand, but how about this one from to-day's cables:—

NEW YORK, May 10.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, who is entrusted with the exhibition of China's Imperial Dragon Throne and famed Jade Pagoda on behalf of Madame Chiang Kai-shek, has notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the treasures have apparently disappeared from the United States and Amsterdam.

They had been smuggled from the Forbidden City (Peking) to Siberia, from whence they were shipped to the Netherlands. The Pagoda has arrived here safely. The Throne was supposed to be aboard the liner Zandam which docked several days ago. However, it has not yet been found.

The Pagoda and Throne together are valued at \$10,000,000.

The Dragon Throne has been found. It had been wrongly addressed to California by an absent minded professor in Holland.

G-men found it in a Custom's warehouse.

Italy Building Vast Navy

Rome, May 10. The new naval budget was approved by the Fascist Chamber this afternoon, following an address by Admiral Gargnani, in which he emphasised the necessity of improving the fighting power of the Italian sea forces.

Within the near future, he declared, Italy will possess four battleships of 35,000 tons displacement, four modern line ships of 20,000 tons each, 19 heavy cruisers, 12 fast light cruisers, 80 destroyers, 70 torpedo boats, and over 100 submarines, as well as several flotillas of speed boats.—Trans-Ocean.

Fatshan Carrying 500 Passengers

Canton, May 10.—Japanese troops and patrols continue to comb-out Canton for Chinese guerrillas. In the last two days 300 men have been trapped by the patrols. If they are unable to answer satisfactorily questions put to them, they are instantly detained.

The Fatshan, which is due in Hongkong this afternoon, is carrying 500 passengers.

Increased formalities to do with the issue of travelling permits are making Chinese less inclined to go to Hongkong and Macao, says a Canton report.

Chinese troops after recapturing Tsangshing held it for half a day, and then were forced to withdraw. They have now fallen back to Lofan Mountain.—Our Own Correspondent.

CHUNGKING TO BE EVACUATED But Will Remain Capital

CHUNGKING, May 11.

THE Chinese National Government on Wednesday issued an order for the evacuation from the war-time capital of the entire non-working population, especially women and children.

Those people remaining in Chungking, including the foreigners, will receive residential permits, which in case of the foreigners have to be applied for at the Foreign Office.

This measure was adopted in order to reduce the number of casualties in the event of further air attacks.

NO REMOVAL OF CAPITAL
The seat of the National Government will not be moved to Chengtu, it is stated authoritatively here. It is merely being considered to remove a few important offices to the outskirts of Chungking.

The evacuation of civilians in the meantime, is proceeding according to plan, also the reconstruction of the quarters destroyed during the last Japanese air attack.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other high officials visited the stricken areas to comfort the population. The shops of the city are still closed except for provision dealers.

The first meeting of the Production Committee, which had been planned for long time, took place on Wednesday. It was attended by 200 delegates from many provinces.—Trans-Ocean.

Govt. Canvasses For Opinion On Foreign Policy

LONDON, May 11.

The British Government has adopted an unprecedented measure to ascertain public opinion on the Government's policy. "The Journalist's professional journal," "World Press News" reports, in the issue of May 11, that during the last few weeks the Government, by the agency of third parties, submitted questionnaires relating to various political subjects to the editors of smaller provincial papers.

The better known English publicists were not included in this search, since it was feared that they would not express a true opinion.

The "World Press News" declares that considerable secrecy overshadowed the whole affair, and the headquarters of the Conservative Party deny any knowledge.—Trans-Ocean.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The rescued officers and crew of the sunken linerbank have been taken to Manila in the Philippines, according to a notification from Admiral Yarnell which has been received by the Navy Department.—Reuter.

A case containing money and papers to the value of \$130 was lost in a bus by Mr. H. E. Knight, of Phillips House, yesterday.

Eire Income Tax Up

Gloomy Prediction By Minister

DUBLIN, May 10.

INCOME-TAX in Eire is being increased by one shilling to 5s. 6d. in the pound.

This announcement was made in the Dail by the Minister of Finance to-day, when he said that £1,169,000 would have to be found in fresh taxation this year.

Other increases in taxation affect inter alia petrol and tobacco, and the Minister stated that the new taxes would contribute to an estimated revenue for the year of £32,622,000, leaving a small surplus of £11,000.

The budget reached the record of £35,716,000. Approximately £2,000,000 would be borrowed, including £1,350,000 for defence.

The Minister declared that the position was stringent, but endurable so long as peace was maintained. If widespread war came, the difficulties would be intensified beyond measure. Existing sources of revenue would dry up. It would bring the Irish people, whether belligerent or neutral, only increased want, hardship, and insecurity.

Therefore they would earnestly support those whose efforts may defer war and prolong peace, for the prolongation of peace, if uneasy and precarious, is the only hope that next year's budget will not be even more burdensome than this.—Reuter Special.

In Local Courts

OPIUM AND HEROIN CASES

Charged with keeping a heroin divan at Queen's Road Central, possession of 300 heroin pills and four heroin pipes before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, Lee Kai, 39, unemployed, was sentenced on the first charge to three months' hard labour.

He was fined \$400 or three months' hard labour on the second count, and \$50 or a month's hard labour on the last charge.

The penalty on the first and third charge will be concurrent. A fine of \$700 or four months' hard labour was imposed on Yee Shu, 39, unemployed, by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning for possession of 770 heroin pills in Queen's Road Central.

The seizure of 2,400 loafs of prepared opium in a hut on the Pokfulam Beach last week by the Revenue Department, also resulted in the arrest of two Chinese.

Before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, Tsai Kwan-kee and Tsai Yik-kee, were charged with the possession of the drugs.

Mr. C. Russ appeared for the defendants and May 17 was fixed for the hearing of the case.

The maximum penalty for breach of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance was imposed on Tam Lam, 28, unemployed, by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning for possession of 12,000 heroin pills in a flat in Queen's Road Central.

Tam was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour, and fined \$2,500 or another six months' hard labour. Revenue Officer W. Colledge prosecuted.

WHAT IS BRITAIN'S POLICY?

(Continued from Page 6.)

itself to help reduce any aggressor to a state of impotence.

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PEOPLE who have recently dwelt in, or even passed through Russia, have not found it such a terrible country, indeed I am told that there is more freedom there to-day than there is in Germany.

I do not for a moment suggest that Britain should embrace foreign doctrines; that would be too absurd for words. We can maintain our own individuality and still co-operate with those who will stand up for Peace, so why should we not co-operate with Russia in the state of emergency in which we have been forced to-day?

It is no good disguising the facts. There are many disquieting aspects in the conduct of British affairs to-day which many people do not like. The B.E.C. refusal to broadcast the speech by the Duke of Windsor has left an unpleasant taste in the mouth. I still know that the Duke would make the finest Ambassador Britain could have, purely in the sense of a Minister of Peace; and try for one moment to visualise the outcome of a chat between the Duke and Stalin. The mutual understanding which would result would, in my opinion, go a long way towards solving Europe's pitiful problem.



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DISCOVERIES OF YEAR IN WELSH RUGGER

Willie Davies Greatest Artist In Wales But Tanner Also Consistent

By Clem Lewis

London, Apr. 19.

LOOKING back over our international Rugby season the name of Sid Williams, the Aberavon wing, comes first to mind. He was our finest international discovery. We had cause also to be thankful for the unearthing of M. J. Davies, the South African Welshman, who was discovered at Oxford. Taken all round, we should be well off for centres next season.

To me the greatest artist in Welsh football to-day is Willie Davies, the Swansea and Wales fly-half. Tanner has been quite consistently good, but it is Davies who has reached the sublime heights. I confess I have derived more pleasure watching his beautifully balanced and elusive running than from anyone else.

WORTH OF MANFIELD

It would be futile to recommence the old argument as to whether he or Cliff Jones is the greater player, but I am prepared to admit that Davies is the truer outside-half, Swansea friends, please note.

It is perhaps a truism that Wales can always find plenty of good forwards. The one discovery of note we have made this season is Manfield, our lock forward. Do you remember how England cast their eyes upon him? I am hoping to see Manfield leading the Welsh forwards next season.

Our club games on the whole have been somewhat more open and enter-

taining, but it is regrettable that our "Sevens" tournament fell through! Two things in the main accounted for this—the lukewarm attitude of the Welsh Union and the half-hearted way in which its sponsors—the Glamorgan County Club—went about their job. When tackled properly it will go with a swing.

KNAPP AND CAMBRIDGE

The Cardiff seven for the Twickenham games will probably be W. Wooller, E. R. Knapp, Gwynn Fort, W. R. Davies behind the three forwards, L. Spence, Roy Roberts and Seby Davies.

Incidentally, I wonder whether Cambridge University will find a place for Knapp next season. They were apparently not over impressed by him last year, but we in Wales are beginning to think there are considerable possibilities about this ex-Welsh secondary school cap.

We believe we have quite a number of young players who will be in the limelight next season. Personally I have great hopes for G. Hale, the young Cardiff centre, and H. M. Baker, a Welsh reserve this year who plays in Newport's three-quarter line.

TRIBUTE TO MATTHEWS

You will probably hear a great deal, too, of Jack Matthews, a youthful centre from Bridgend. Last Saturday, playing for the Welsh Secondary Schools, he helped to give the Yorkshire Public Schools a whole of a hiding at Otley.

It will be remembered that he made a second-half appearance in the final Welsh senior trial and if he lives up to the promise he now reveals he will be one of the giants of Welsh Rugby during the next few years.

Yet another youngster who has already spent a year at Cambridge and who I can recommend to the Light Blues is J. Richards. A splendid scrum worker who has had a game or two with Cardiff over the holidays, Richards is an ex-Monmouth schoolboy.

WALES WILL NEED THEM

Wales will need these youngsters next season, for it will be made memorable by the fact that we shall have our Australian tourists over here, who play Wales two days before Christmas Day. Previous Australian visits to these islands were in 1908 and 1927—though in the latter year it was a New South Wales side.

Last Saturday at Llanelli I believe I saw the last appearance of that really wonderful veteran forward, For Jones, who has always maintained that Wales passed him over far too soon, and now, after 17 years' service for Llanelli, he is to retire. I write him down amongst the greatest forwards Wales has ever produced.

To my readers, "Au revoir" till next season.



This picture was taken last Monday when the presentation of sticks was made to the most-improved players and highest goal-scorers in the Leagues by the International Sports. Reading from left to right in the front row are: Mr. Amar Singh (Manager), Mr. M. Feros Deen (Proprietor), Mrs. Ackroyd, Miss D. Greaves, Gurdial Singh, Miss A. S. Smith, G. Singh and V. Ribeiro. Mayfair Studio.

Bowls Rinks Selected For Saturday

The following players have been selected to represent the Civil Service C.C. in their matches on Saturday in the Lawn Bowls League: 1st Team (v. Craggengower C.C. away)—E. W. Simmonds, H. Strange, A. W. Grimmett and J. Hollidge (skip); M. E. Purvis, C. Strange, W. Burling and M. N. Bakken (skip); R. R. Davies, R. Wood, L. Collyer and J. Deakin (skip). 2nd Team (v. H.K.F.C. away)—E. Kerman, E. Bradshaw, F. Haynes and W. Bagley (skip); J. Carr, V. Ebbage, L. Whant and W. Hillyer (skip); F. Austin, A. B. Allan, A. Steven and S. Ecclesall (skip). Reserves—H. F. Harper, D. Crawley, Weeks and Shephard.

H.E.C. RINKS

The following will represent the Hongkong Electric R.C. against the Kowloon B.C.C. at Ming Yuen: R. C. Butler, A. C. Gardner, H. S. McKay and J. Sloan (skip); G. G. S. Thomson, W. E. Baker, G. T. Padgett and L. de Rome (skip); J. R. Way, J. Roscoe, A. F. Paul and W. B. Muskett (skip).

TSUI BROTHERS OUTPLAY THEIR OPPONENTS

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and Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce were amongst those who witnessed the match. At the conclusion of the encounter, prizes won during the 1938 tournament were presented to the winners by Miss D. Dodwell, who was called upon to do so by Mr. Pearce.

F. Marshall Rides Shanghai Champion

Shanghai, May 10. A record crowd saw "Peanut" Marshall ride Rain as hot favourite to a brilliant victory at the Shanghai Race Club Champions, winning by half a length from Hindhead, griffin pony, ridden by A. F. Clark with White Willie, ridden by Alice White, two lengths behind. Rain covered the mile and a quarter course in the fast time of 2m 32½ secs, paying the sweep ticket holder Yuan 92,120, one of the biggest prizes of recent years. Night Express, ridden by Garbor Renner, took the lead from the start and led until Widow's Monument. However Rain came on and entered the stretch in the lead, shaking off the hot challenge offered by Hindhead and White Willie. "Buffy" Maitland, leading jockey, was to have ridden Rain. However, yesterday he was thrown heavily and was unable to ride to-day. Marshall was many times a winner of the Champions, being formerly a jockey of the Eve Stable, owned by Sir Victor Sassoon.—United Press.

The prize winners were:

Winner: Tsui Wai-pul. Runner-up: Tsui Yun-pul. Open Doubles: Winner: Tsui Wai-pul and Tsui Yun-pul. Runners-up: Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau. Club Championship: Winner: W. Sander. Runner-up: H. J. Armstrong. Handicap Singles: Winner: L. Goldmann. Runner-up: H. J. Armstrong. Mixed Doubles: Winner: W. Sander and Miss A. Taylor. Runners-up: H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews. Handicap Doubles: Winner: J. J. Ferguson and E. E. Storey. Runners-up: R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd.

N. Y. Giants Blanked Out By Pirates

New York, May 10. The following were the results of matches played in the Major Baseball League to-day:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh.....	5	8	1
New York.....	0	6	2
(Sewell homered for the Pirates).			
Cincinnati.....	5	7	0
Brooklyn.....	10	11	1
(Phelps homered for the Dodgers).			
St. Louis.....	4	11	1
Philadelphia.....	3	7	1
Chicago.....	2	3	2
Boston.....	6	10	1
(Hartnett homered for the Cubs).			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
New York.....	7	11	1
St. Louis.....	1	8	0
(Dileky and Selkirk homered for the Yankees).			
Philadelphia.....	4	12	2
Cleveland.....	7	12	1
(Etten homered for the Athletics).			
Washington.....	1	5	2
Detroit.....	5	12	1

The match between Boston Red Sox and Chicago White Sox was postponed owing to rain.—Reuter.

The first Executive Council Meeting of the Chinese American Institute of Cultural Relations will be held at the Chinese Merchants Club at 8 p.m. to-day.

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Matches For Saturday's Tennis

Following matches have been arranged for the Tennis Exhibition on Saturday, May 13, in aid of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China: 1st Set—W. A. H. Duff & L. Goldman v. Lee Yue Wing & Ho Ka Lau. 2nd Set—S. A. & H. D. Rumjahn v. Tsui Yun Pul & Tsui Wai Pul. 3rd Set—W. A. H. Duff & L. Goldman v. Tsui Yun Pul & Tsui Wai Pul. 4th Set—Lee Yue Wing & Ho Ka Lau v. S. A. & H. D. Rumjahn. The matches start at 4 p.m. at H.K. Cricket Club. Booking at Moutrie's.



You're heading for the laugh round-up when you see (left to right) Johnny Davis, Dick Fowler, Felicia Tai, O'Brien and Dick Town doing their "stiff as wild and woolly" Westerners in "Romance and Rhythm" showing at the Elks Theatre.

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Dr. Nagai Resigns From I.O.C.

Tokyo, May 10. Dr. Matsuzo Nagai resigned yesterday as a member of the International Olympic Committee, on the eve of his departure for London, to attend the forthcoming general meeting as Japan's representative. Dr. Nagai had been named a member of the Committee by the National Olympic Committee, in succession to the late Mr. Jigoro Kano who died last year while en route to Tokyo from Egypt, via America. It is understood that Dr. Nagai, who was to sail from Yokohama aboard the Tatsuta Maru on May 11, failed to reach an understanding with Count Baillet-Latour, Chairman of the International Olympic Committee, with regard to his formal appointment.—Domei.

No Representative

Tokyo, May 10. Japan will not be represented at the International Olympic Committee Meeting to be held in London early in June.

Dr. Nagai has given as his reason for resigning the unfavourable atmosphere among certain members of the I.O.C. against him. "Even if I should go to London," he stated, "unless I am elected a member, I should be unable to attend the meeting of the I.O.C. That election takes place on the day I would arrive in London, and if I should not be elected my trip all the way to London would be useless. Under such circumstances, I have decided not to go."—Domei.

PIGS NEED VITAMIN

Berkeley, Cal. Dr. E. H. Hughes of the division of animal husbandry at the University of California has demonstrated that pigs need vitamin B, just the same as human beings. Growing pigs especially, he said, must have sufficient riboflavin, one of the elements of the vitamin B complex, otherwise they won't grow right.

A Good Prize For Marshall Field

Baltimore, May 10. Mr. Marshall Field's Sir Darnley won the \$20,000 added to the Dixie Handicap to-day by two lengths ahead of Tatter Demallion with Jacola third and Thanksgiving fourth. The time for the distance, one mile and three-sixteenths, was 1 min. 58 3/5 secs., which is two seconds off the record.—United Press.

Two rounds of full calibre ammunition will be fired from Fort Davis at approximately 10 a.m. to-morrow.

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The Cold Shoulder

If you have an off-the-shoulder evening dress, there may be times when you go to the play, dine in a restaurant, or are asked out to dinner in a draughty house, when your décolletage may be excessive or merely chilly. So here is the answer. Have one or two of these little jackets, quite in period, and easily removable.



1 This consists of a back piece and two sleeves of striped taffeta, the back finishing in a broad belt, which laces at the front waist, peasant style. The back is cut in one piece round to the front to complete the arm-holes.



2 This little Victorian coat would be the easiest possible thing for your "little dress-maker" to copy. It is cut into the waist, basque, and trimmed with braid. Made of Ottoman silk, it would look particularly good over a full-skirted frock.



3 For those slim and young enough to wear capes, this ruffled capelet provides the ideal solution to cold shoulders. Make it in taffeta, which ruffles nicely, and line it with something warm to the skin.



4 Bolero in slipper satin with a crisp organdi frilling round the neck, sides, and back. Frilling should be as detachable as possible, because it will need to be laundered more often than the bolero. Keep, if you can, an extra ruffle.

Feminine Frivolities

WHAT WOMEN WORE IN 1839

DRESSES were very elaborate a hundred years ago. Imagine a modern girl attired in the morning dress of white organdie, festooned with lilac bows! The short sleeves were tight at the top, with a long puff below, and the long, full skirt was extended by a stiff, full petticoat. When it came to evening dress the women of 1839 simply surpassed themselves. Picture a buxom matron disporting herself in "a robe of maroon velvet, trimmed with blond lace flounces, and velvet flowers of vivid colours." The bodice was cut extremely low, but she modestly wore "a chemise of white tulle, which rises sufficiently high round the bust to shade it in a very elegant manner."

When in full evening dress, young women were recommended to wear "singularly pretty little caps of tulle placed on the back of the head and encircled with a wreath of flowers." While matrons were advised to put blue or pink, vied with black lace on "elegant white caps of tulle, ornamented with wheat ears."

"New" Materials

The newest materials featured in the fashions of 1839 were marcelines, taffetas, glaces, foulards, incoets, muslins, and a mixture of cotton and wool very fashionable for promenade costumes. Embroidered organdie "of the most exquisite fineness and transparency" was recommended as being

Elaborate Hats

Hats and bonnets were large and elaborate and worn well on the back of the head, to display smoothly parted hair looped round the ears. Bonnets of leghorn straw, rimmed with long white feathers, tipped with white matrons were advised to put blue or pink, vied with black lace on "elegant white caps of tulle, ornamented with wheat ears."

It is interesting to note that in 1839 silk stockings cost from 2s 3d to 7s 6d, and cotton stockings could be bought from 3d per pair upwards. Satin shoes cost 6d, silk shoes 5s, while kid and morocco shoes were only 4s 6d per pair. Lace mittens could actually be purchased at ninepence per pair.

Margaret Hillman.



A new sweater-blouse, crocheted in a variation of the shell stitch, and worked in a tweedy effect from multi-coloured mercerized crocheted cotton, will be gay and becoming this spring and summer. Short and figure-moulding, it features a soft turndown collar and slightly puffed short sleeves.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

May 11, 1889. The latest expensive whim indulged in by the King of Wurtemberg is the photographing of the moon to ascertain whether it is inhabited. He has negatives magnified one hundred thousand fold, and has thus far discovered nebulae covered with little dots, which he believes to be the planet.

Some pretty good swimmers are around Hongkong just now. On Saturday a sailor swam from Kowloon to this side, leaving two life-belts in case he got tired, but, as it turned out, unnecessary. And nearly every morning a soldier—an Engineer, we believe—makes a trip the other way before breakfast. The distance is over a mile, but the swift currents which sweep along mid-stream make the feat both difficult and dangerous.

25 YEARS AGO

May 11, 1914. Reuter's correspondent at Brunswick states that the Kaiser and Kaiserin, with their children, attended the christening of the son of Duke Ernest Augustus and the Kaiser's daughter. The Kaiser, in a speech, said he hoped the young prince in course of time would work in the Council of German Princes for the greatness of the Fatherland.

Having converted it into a "German Empire" in the West, super-patriots are now advocating another impregnable outpost of German might and power in the East—Tientsin, port of Kiao-Chow. In China this scheme is warmly advocated by General von Bernhardi, author of "Germany's Next War," who says Tientsin must be converted at once into a fortress which will leave no doubt on the Chinese mind of Germany's paramount military strength. That assured, the General says it will be easy sailing for Germany to compete with England, Japan and America for the "world's greatest trade war," the conquest of the Chinese market.

10 YEARS AGO

May 11, 1929. Canton witnessed its first experience of an air raid yesterday, and there has been considerable excitement, particularly in Shanghai, which had a full view of the latter part of the engagement. A squadron of planes suddenly swooped down upon the "neutral" gunboats anchored off the Macao River, and bombed them heavily, though the aim was very inaccurate. The gunboats replied with rifle-fire, eventually deciding to take refuge, steaming close to Shanghai, where they sought the protection of the foreign gunboats, amongst which they anchored.

The planes pursued the vessels, dropping bombs at frequent intervals. One dropped on a sampan without exploding, and another missed H.M.S. Moth narrowly. The fall of Canton to the Kwangsi armies is hourly expected. Fighting is taking place on the Samshui Railway, only a few miles from Canton, while General Hu King-tong's forces are moving rapidly from the East River, and the battle of rifle-fire between Shaktung and Tungshan, Canton, can be heard in Shanghai.

5 YEARS AGO

May 9, 1934. An unsuccessful attempt to murder the Governor of Bengal, Sir John Anderson, was made on the racecourse at Darjeeling this afternoon. Two Bengalis, armed with revolvers, fired on the Governor as close range but fortunately missed. One lady spectator was shot through the ankle, but no other casualties occurred. (Sir John Anderson is now Minister for A.F.P. Ed.)

ROME, May 10.—An amnesty for persons charged with political offences in Albania was announced to-day by King Victor Emmanuel. This will apply to refugees in Albania, as well as those who have fled to other countries.—Trans-Ocean.

Lacy Lingerie for Spring

New York—It just doesn't do to take one's eye off things, as for instance what goes on in smart shops. I've in mind lingerie sections, although the same applies to most sections, certainly at this season.

It stands to reason, with little girl dresses—many of them made of washable materials—one just naturally wants lingerie in the little-girl rather than the grand-dame manner. And when I say lingerie I mean undies of muslin, handkerchief, linen and so on.

It works this way: the shirtwaist type of dress, be it ruffled or otherwise, is a transparent affair and needs to be worn over something pretty provocative. It just doesn't look right over satin and silk crepes. It needs to be something lacy, finely embroidered or finely tucked, or it needs to be beautifully and finely tucked. I've made it my business to explain about bending through which dainty ribbon, in the material.

Removing Wine Stains

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ACROSS
1—Last name of "Gull" and "Hussie"
5—Bird used in music
10—Forehand
14—French name used by French Congo
16—According to law
18—Send answer to
19—Five-year-old male
21—Bird of prey
22—Kinked
24—Returned days in
25—"The Tempest"
26—Drinking counter
27—Nudge
28—Cowardly person
29—Female pig
30—Drinking function
31—Examine
32—Lair
33—Small rooms
34—Different
35—Human race
36—Less dense
37—Instrumental composition

DOWN
2—True-hearted Scotch
3—Able to read
4—Darien
6—Plastering
7—Left unopened
8—Part of orchestra
9—Mature
11—Part of chamber
12—Metres
13—More used in ovens
14—More well-mannered
15—Receiver of gift
17—Gail
18—Attempt
19—Stake
20—Books of psalm
23—Poured
24—Tomb
25—Ratnap
26—Rushed excitedly
27—Member of Upper
28—Run on rails
29—Am able to
30—Picks of sheep
31—Inbrew prophet
32—Bird used in snow
33—Last of book
34—Chattered side
35—Transmit
36—Pace
37—Immediately
38—Origin of plant
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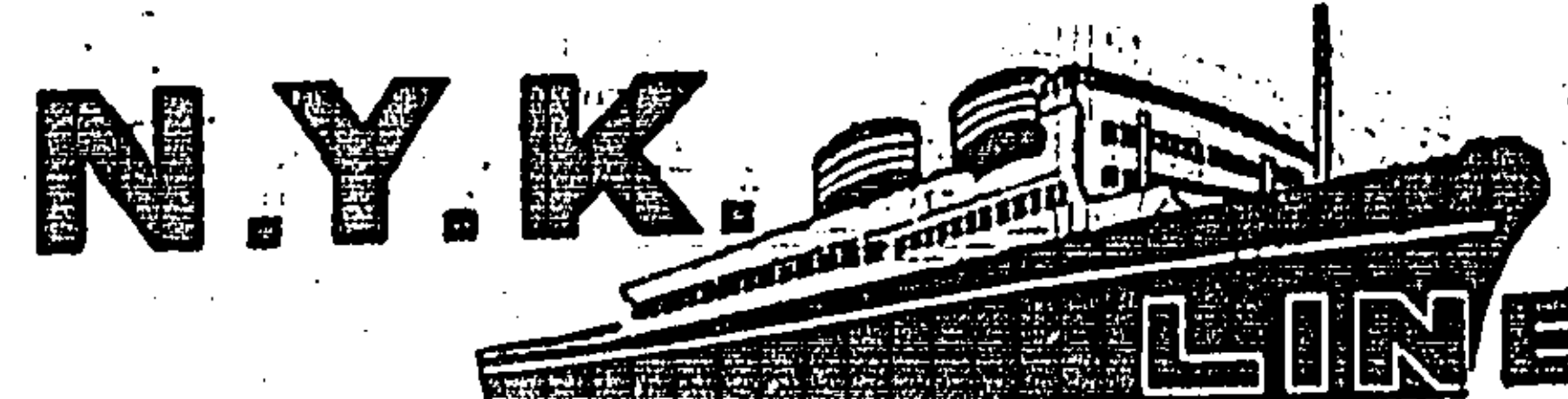
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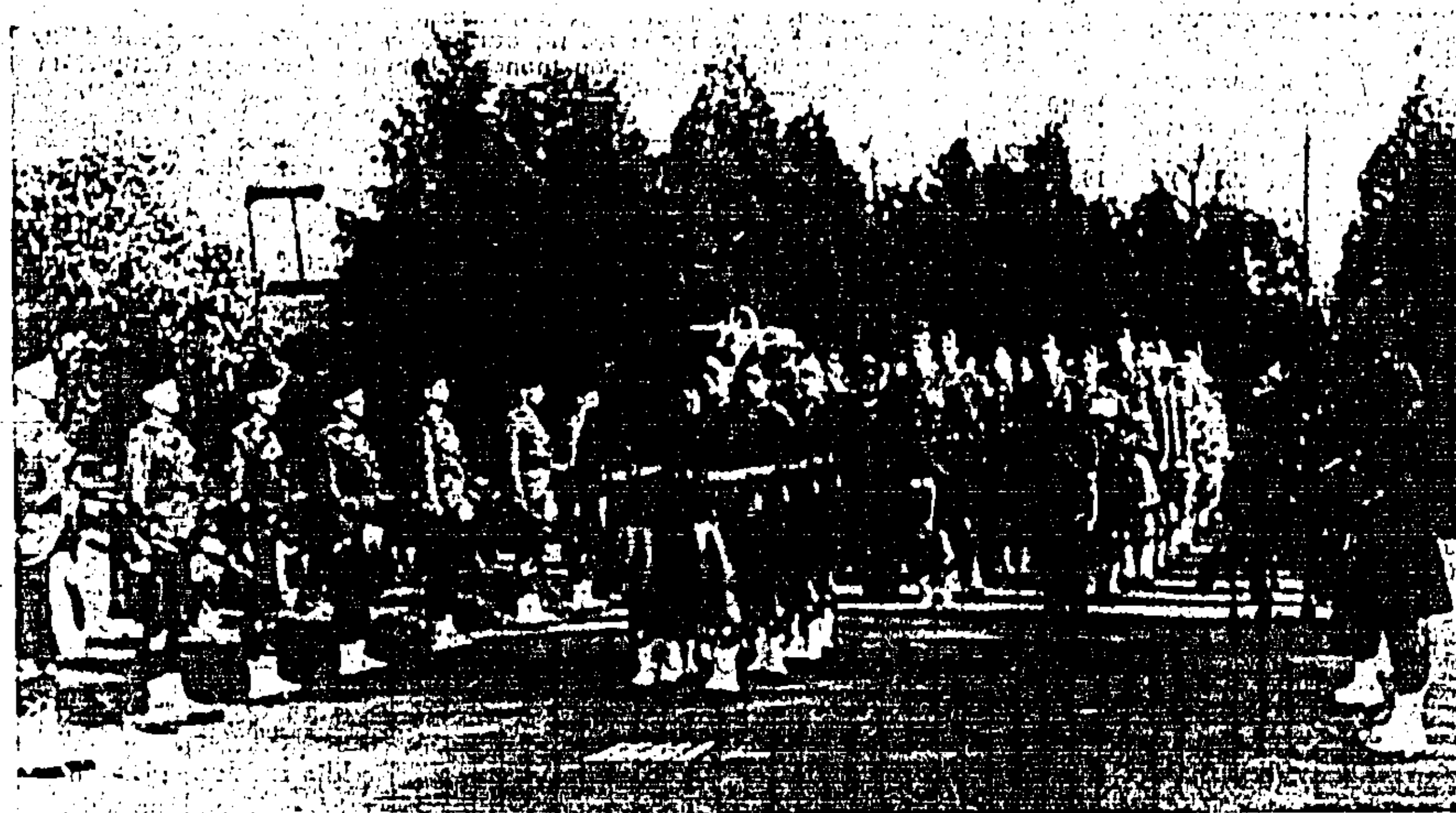
EMPRESS OF ASIA Thurs., May 18.

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PHOTO NEWS

Shanghai News In Pictures



The body of 21-year-old Private Frank Kibby, of the Seaforth Highlanders, being carried to the grave by eight of his comrades at the British military funeral which was held recently at the Hong-jao Road Cemetery, Shanghai. Pte. Kibby died at the British Military Hospital after a short illness.



An impressive funeral service was held at the Bubbling Well Cemetery, Shanghai, recently, for the late Mr. Bertrath Edlie, B.Sc., Eng. (Lond.), A.M.I.E.E., who died as the result of a motor accident on Broadway. Picture shows Dean A. C. S. Trivett of the Holy Trinity Cathedral, at right, officiating, assisted by the Rev. P. C. Matthews. Chief mourners stand on the side of the casket.



In a ceremony held in the new German Community Hall, Shanghai, the German community, headed by members of the China and Shanghai branches of the German National Socialist Labour Party, observed the 50th birthday anniversary of Herr Adolf Hitler. This picture shows Herr E. Lahrmann, leader of the China Group of the Party, giving the salute after having addressed the audience.



Nine members of the Shanghai Municipal Police (Specials) were presented with long service medals by the Deputy Commissioner R. G. MacDonald, their commanding officer, during a parade held in the S.V.O. Drill Hall recently. This picture shows Deputy Commissioner MacDonald, planning a long service medal with '44' on the breast of Inspector W. Golding, while Assistant Commissioner W. J. Gandy looks on.

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before 20th May, 1939, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 16th May, 1939.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyor.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL, Agent.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1939.

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OBITUARY

American Clubman Of Shanghai

Shanghai, May 9.

The death is reported of Mr. William Cook Belknap, aged 50.

Mr. Belknap was an American, well known as a clubman in Shanghai. He was formerly head of the Columbia Country Club.

He is survived by his wife, daughter and son.—United Press.

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Chicago Wheat		
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Chicago Corn		
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July	51 1/8/07 1/2	51 1/4/51 1/4
Sept	51 1/8/07 1/2	52 1/4/52 1/4
Winnipeg Wheat		
May		06/06 1/2
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LATE NEWS

JAPAN'S POLICY

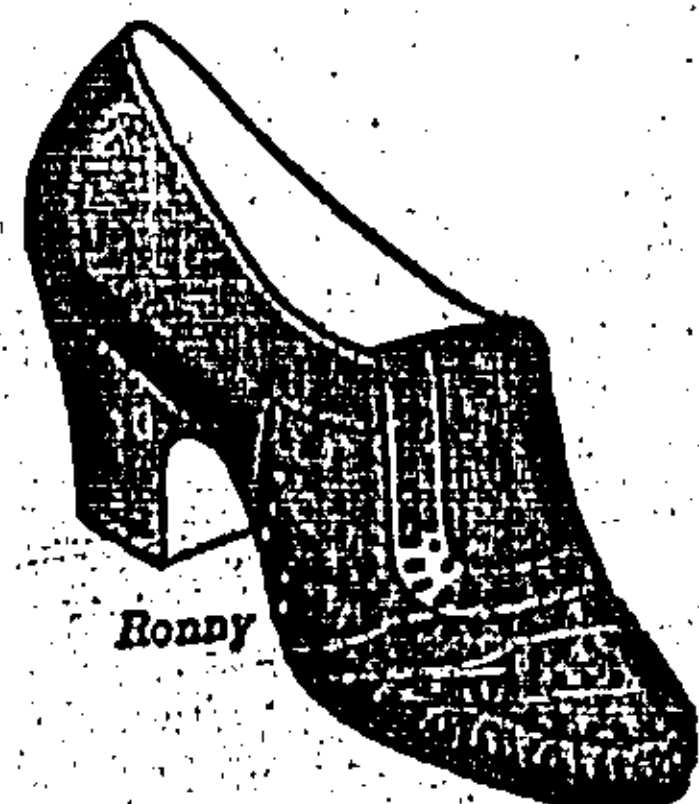
TOKYO, May 11. UNDER THE caption "New Independent Diplomacy," the "Kokumin Shinbun" declares that although Japan is bound with Germany and Italy in the anti-Comintern front Japanese national sentiment feels no great need for co-operation with Germany and Italy in suppressing Comintern activities. Declaring that the totalitarianism system in Germany and Italy has not appealed to Japanese imagination, the paper believes that Japanese people are not necessarily adepts of Hitler or Mussolini. The paper understands that the sympathy and community of interests between Japan and the European Powers provide the bases for their friendship and the friendly sentiments felt by the Japanese nation toward Germany and Italy will soon disappear if the latter supplies arms or granting loans to China. The Japanese nation will distinguish friendly Powers from indirect foes on the basis of whether they will co-operate with Japan in the building up of a new order in East Asia, the "Kokumin Shinbun" continues. "This explains why anti-British sentiment swept Japan following the outbreak of the China Incident," the paper asserts. "Japan is ready to befriend Britain only if the latter abandons her self-imposed guardianship of the old order and co-operates with Japan in the construction of a new order."—Domei.

Situation Worsens

Moscow, May 11. In an editorial to-day, the Izvestia cites "a turn for the worse in the whole political situation as a result of Hitler's pronouncement in the Reichstag." "The Soviet has held and will continue to hold that if Britain and France really want to create a barrier against aggression in Europe, a united front of mutual assistance should be created primarily of the three principle powers in Europe—Britain, France and the U.S.S.R.—and these three powers, bound by a pact of mutual assistance on the principle of reciprocity, should guarantee the other States in eastern Europe which are threatened by aggression."—United Press.

Attack Abandoned?

BERLIN, May 10.—The German newspaper "Völkischer Beobachter" charges against Poland have suddenly subsided. Diplomatic circles here interpret this as meaning that the Italian Foreign Minister has possibly induced the German Foreign Minister not to precipitate a Danzig crisis. In some quarters it is interpreted as meaning that Hitler has decided to use "wearing down" tactics against Poland instead of a frontal attack.—United Press.



"Drink No Coffee" Italians Told

ROME, May 10.—"Drink no more coffee" is the order given to Italians by Signor Achille Starace, secretary of the Fascist Party, in the official Gazette to-day.

Those who are unable to dispense entirely with this beverage are urged to reduce consumption to the minimum.

"In this manner," he says, "we shall get even with those countries who will not exchange coffee for our goods, but which insist upon money in advance."—Trans-Ocean.

BOMBAY, May 10.—Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former President of the Reichsbank, who is visiting India, left Simla for Calcutta to-day. During his two days' stay in Simla Dr. Schacht was the guest of the Viceroy, Lord Linlithgow.—Trans-Ocean.

Lawlessness In Hongkew Area Britain Tells Japan Of Difficulties

LONDON, May 10.—During question-time in the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Hualam asked whether the attention of the Japanese Government had been called to the difficulties experienced by the Shanghai Municipal Council in preserving law and order in the Settlement, owing to the chaotic conditions and lawlessness prevailing in the Japanese-controlled districts surrounding the Settlement.

In a written reply, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that the attention of the Japanese authorities had already been drawn to these difficulties.—Reuter.

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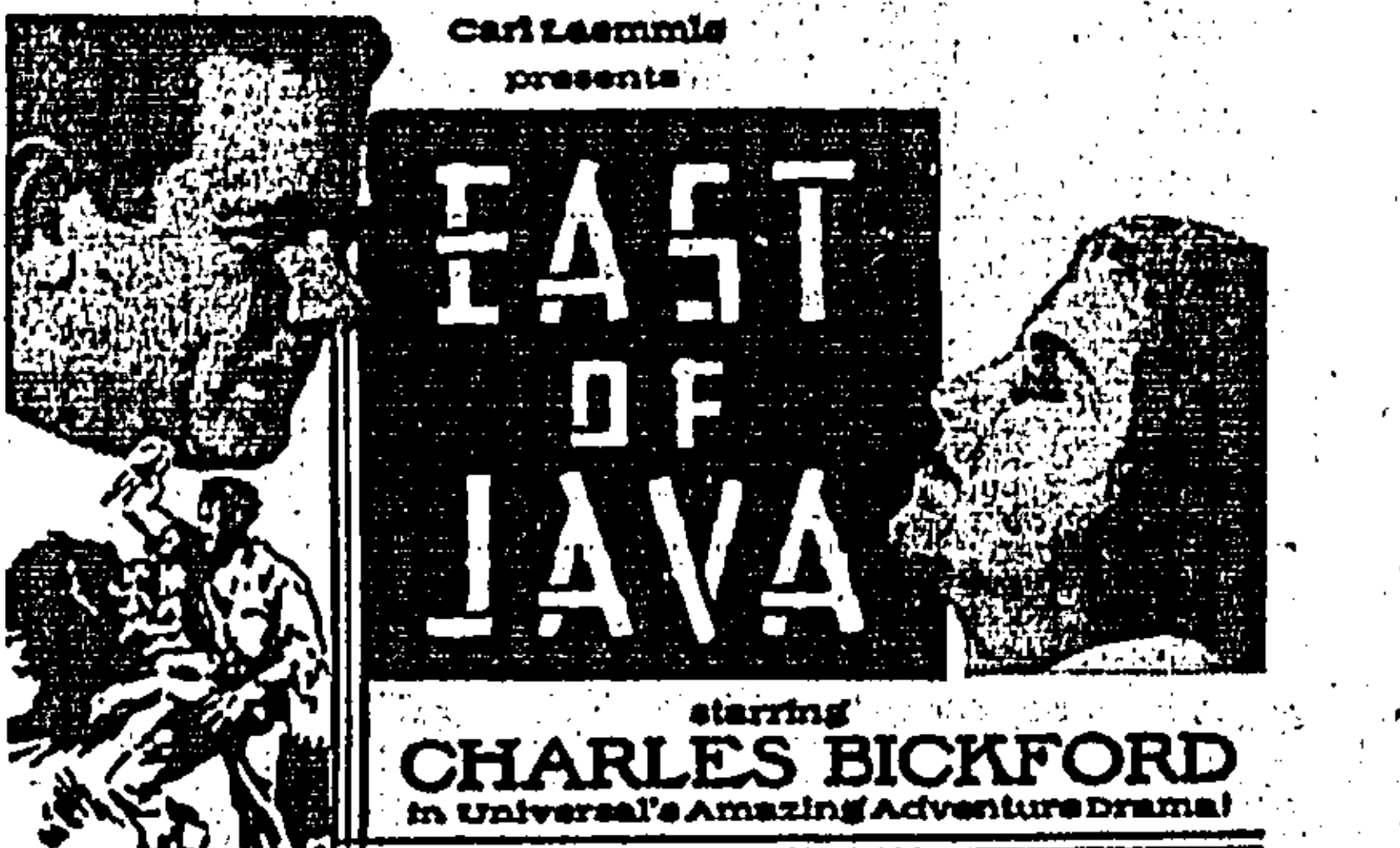
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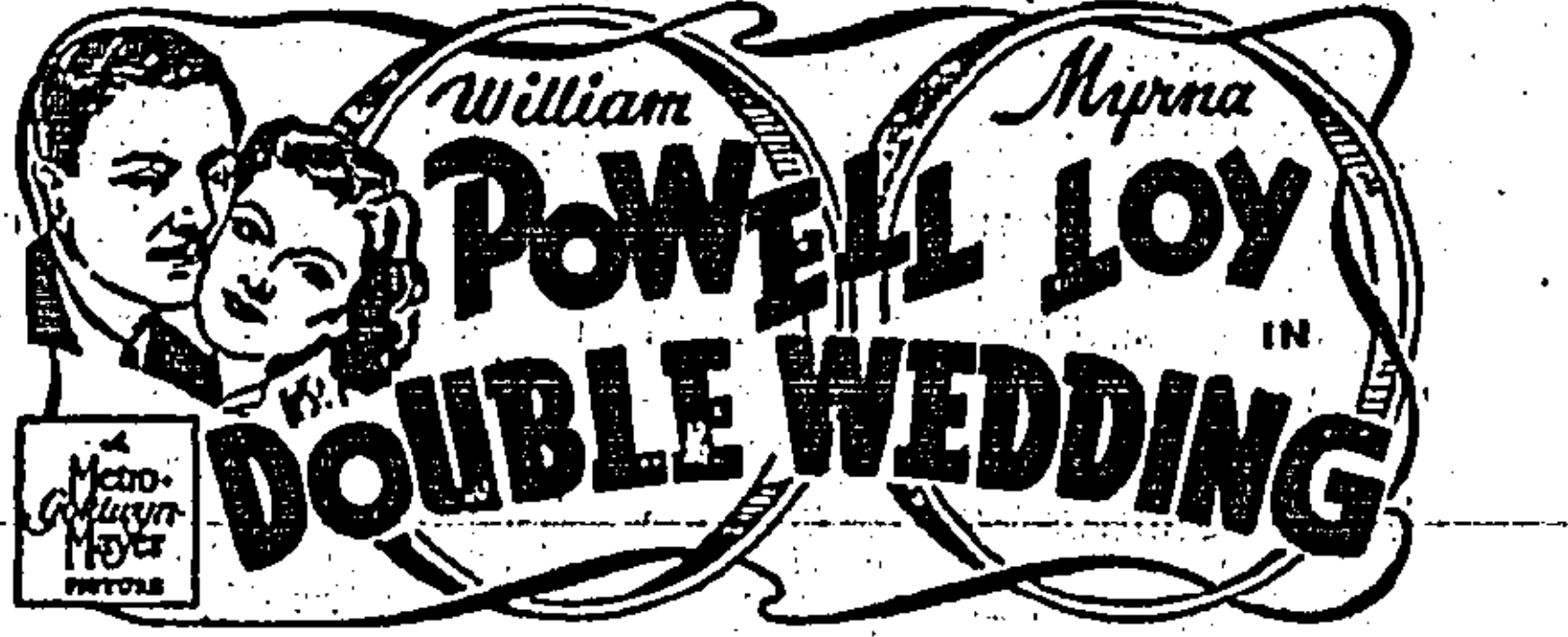
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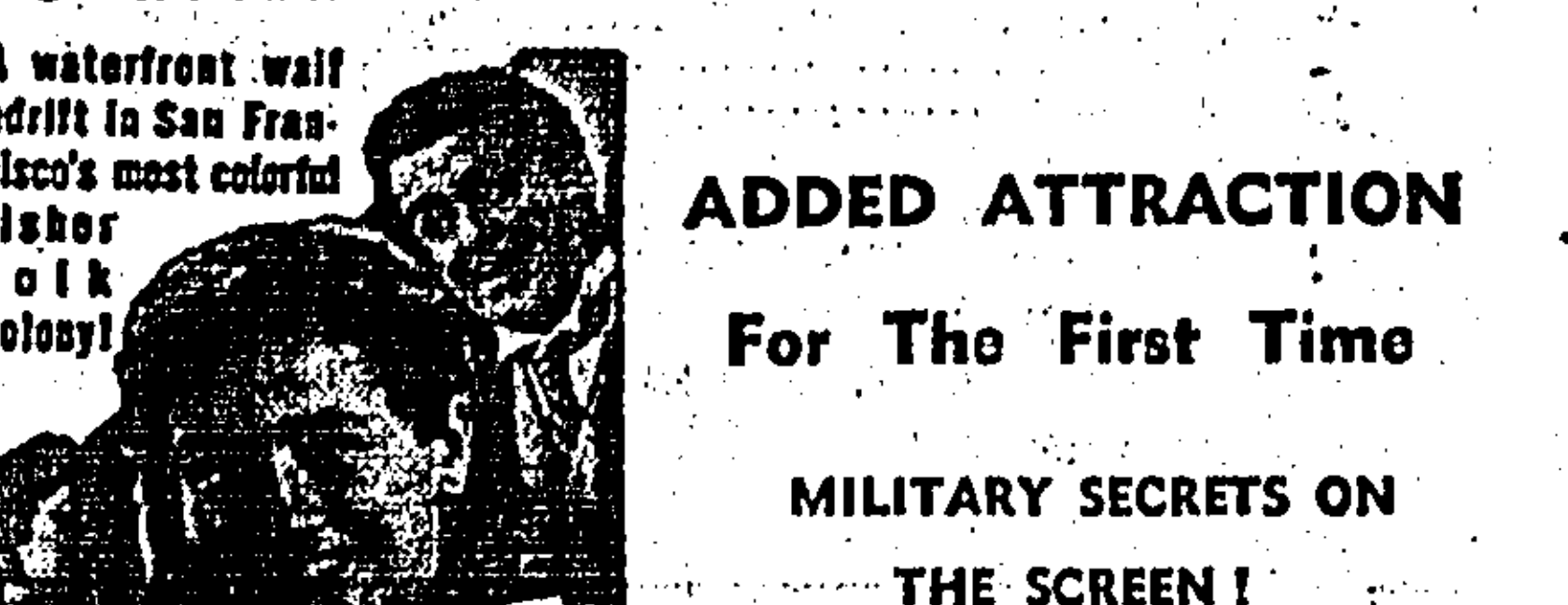


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Murder Of British Agent In Mosul

LONDON, May 10. In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Noel Baker, asked whether further enquiries had been made to ascertain if the recent murder of the British Consul in Mosul was the result of subversive propaganda by agents of the Government of another European country.

Mr. R. A. Butler stated that it was understood no connection had been established between the individuals arrested and sentenced for the murder of Mr. Monek-Mason and agents of any foreign Power.

Guerillas Raid Japanese Boat

SHANGHAI, May 11.—It is learned that in the absence of Japanese officials guerillas raided the customs launch Hancheng, which was moored in Cheloo harbour.

They escaped in the motor boat with a large quantity of arms and munitions.—Reuter.

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